

African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development (ACCARD)

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RESPONSIBLE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS (RCC)

Responsible Climate Champions (RCC) is part of the African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development (ACCARD) initiatives which aims to bring university and polytechnics undergraduates, postgraduate students and staff in the African higher education institutions to form **RCC** and join the campaign to address the challenges of climate change through the three pillars of ACCARD work: social engagement, education, and research. There will be three membership options as follows:

Student Membership – Associate Fellow

Academic/Non-academic Staff Membership – Senior Fellow

External Professional Membership – Principal Fellow

ACCARD has been successful in the anthropogenic-derived climate change programmes in the Niger-Delta region of Nigeria as a major driver of initiatives on how to address environmental degradation, environmental pollution, ecosystem restoration, poverty, gender inequality that undermines the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly goal #13 - climate action. Our community, youth and women engagement programmes focus on advancing the knowledge of nature-based solutions to climate change management. Through our programmes, we promote regional coordination and collaboration amongst governments, private sector, academia and civil society organizations in tackling environment and/or climate change. Also, we enhance indigenous and local people participation (including gender mainstreaming) in climate actions and solutions.

ACCARD will support higher education institutions to form **RCC** that gives students and staff the opportunities through social, education and research activities to become active members in driving impacts on climate actions and commitments to making a positive difference to the local and world environment. There will be institutional membership/administration and a national association across states, countries, and regions in Africa.

ACCARD plans to launch **RCC** initiative across Nigerian tertiary institutions by 2022 to learn from the experience and expand to higher education institutions across West/East African region by 2024.

We are calling on government agencies and non-governmental agencies, heads of relevant higher education institutions, the business society, students, students unions, NGOs, and philanthropic individuals to support ACCARD to launch this programme in Nigeria and across Africa.

Please, complete this form to send expression of interest to participate in this programme.

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