



**OZONE ACTION PROGRAM
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
WORLD DAY FOR OZONE
LAYER PRESERVATION
PROGRAM REPORT**

BACKGROUND

A platform for action, September 16th the International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer is the UN's most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of all life under the sun. Since it began, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in over 100 countries. This day is dedicated to mobilize private sector, public sector and civil society organization to take action on tangible interventions that will protect the earth. The ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. Over time, man's activities have largely contributed to the depletion of the layer. Ozone depletion has been associated with several adverse effects which affects not just man but also his environment. In a bid to heighten awareness on the need to preserve the ozone layer, GLOW INITIATIVE is organizing a week of climate action (Ozone Action Program) in commemoration of the international day for the preservation of the ozone layer which will take place in Enugu State, Nigeria.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The goal of this program is to stimulate a mass action towards the preservation of the ozone layer.

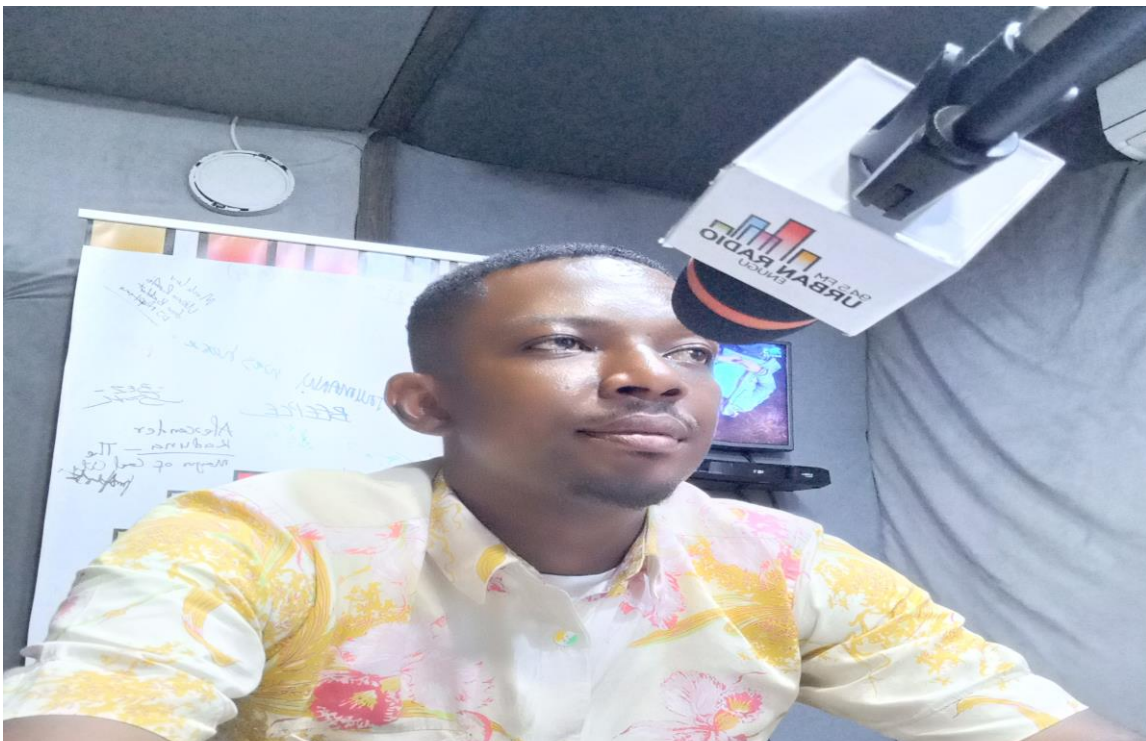
Objectives

1. Inform 7 million persons through radio on the actions that cause ozone depletion and the steps to take to change.
2. Raise awareness on the risks associated with ozone layer depletion, and;
3. Share knowledge and information on practices that will ensure ozone layer perseverance.

ACTIVITIES

1. ECO-AWARENESS RADIO SHOW

An Eco-Awareness Radio show was held in commemoration of the world day for ozone layer preservation. The radio show was held at Urban Radio (94.5 FM). Urban Radio is based in Enugu and has an estimated listenership base of 7million. The reach of the radio station spans across the five southeast states of Nigeria. Conversations at the radio show were centered on educating people on the description of ozone layer, its functions, activities that deplete it, consequences of its depletion and ways of preserving it. Also, the link between Ozone layer depletion and climate change was pointed out. Speaking at the radio show, the program lead, Ozone action Program, Mr. Wilfred Okeke highlighted the roles of both the citizens and the government in ensuring that the ozone layer is preserved for posterity.



Program lead, Ozone Action Program speaking at the radio show

Outcomes

It is expected that listeners who tuned into the show would have

- a. Increased knowledge of the description of ozone layer, its functions, activities that deplete it, consequences of its depletion and ways of preserving it.
- b. Increased knowledge of climate change, its effects and ways of preventing it.
- c. Increased understanding of the roles of both citizens and the government in ensuring that the ozone layer is preserved for posterity.

2. SOUTH EAST OZONE LAYER PRESERVATION ESSAY CONTEST

The Ozone Action Program featured an essay contest titled “South East Ozone Layer Preservation Essay Contest. The theme of the essay contest was “Save the Ozone, Save Lives”.

Young people below the age of 25 and resident in any state of the south-east were invited to write an open letter to any presidential candidate of their choice. In the letter, they are to advise the presidential candidate on the need for Nigeria to take urgent steps to protect the ozone layer amidst rising environmental threats. Over thirty entries were received. The entries were reviewed on the basis of structure, grammar, writing styles and ideas. After this, three finalists were selected.

OUTCOME

- a. The over 178 young people who participated in the contest had to research extensively about the ozone layer, its functions, activities that deplete it, consequences of its depletion and ways of preserving it; thereby increasing their knowledge on the subject.
- b. The publication of the winning essays also amplified the need for Nigeria to take urgent actions to prevent the depletion of the ozone layer amidst rising environmental threats.

3. AWARD CEREMONY FOR THE SOUTH EAST OZONE LAYER PRESERVATION ESSAY CONTEST

An award ceremony was organized in partnership with the Enugu state Ministry of Rural Development to reward the top three finalists of the South East Ozone Layer Preservation Essay Contest.

Ifeoma Oraegbunam, an English teacher and writer who reviewed the essays, said the entries were competitive and she put in extra work hours to weight them vigorously on the basis of content, grammar, style and innovation to arrive at the three finalists.

At the end of the review, nineteen-year-old Charles Ugwu placed third in the contest and got a cash prize of N15,000.00, whilst Raphael Eneh, 17, came second and went home with a N25,000.00 cash prize. The winner, Lawrence Akah, 18, who attended the ceremony with his father, took home the grand prize of N30,000.00. The excited teenager, who has just gained admission to study medicine and surgery at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, thanked the organizers, saying he enjoyed himself and that he would like to become a writer in the future. Echoing his son's sentiments, Nnabugwu Akah commended the organizers of the contest, stating that it was a step in the right direction to improve the reading and writing culture of young people.

In a remark, the representative of Glow Initiative for Economic Empowerment, Wilfred Okeke, chorused the commissioner, adding that his organization hopes to groom a generation of young environmental advocates who will drive the advocacy for green economy and sustainable development in Nigeria.

The award ceremony was graced by the Hon. Commissioner of Rural Development, Dr. Kingsley Udeh, the public relations officer of Micheal Okpara University, Barr Adanma, among other guests.

OUTCOME

- a. The event provided a platform to draw the attention of Enugu state government to the ozone layer, its functions, activities that deplete it, consequences of its depletion and ways of preserving it.
- b. The event also provided a platform to educate guest on ways wherein they can take actions to prevent the depletion of the ozone layer.
- c. The finalist of the essay contest also pledged their commitment to continue to advocate for a safe environmental practices in Nigeria through their writings.



The Enugu state Hon. Commissioner of Rural Development, Dr. Kingsley Udeh speaking at the event



The Top 3 Finalists pose for a photograph



The winner of the essay contest poses for photograph



The program lead, Ozone Action Program (left), the P.R. O Michael Okpara University, the 2nd Prize winner, the 1st Prize winner, the Commissioner, the 3rd Prize winner and a guest pose for photograph

Access Bank Support

1. Access Bank support covered expert designs for our IECs and publicity materials.
2. The support enabled the purchase of airtime for the radio show.
3. Covered the planning of the ozone layer policy conversation with the Ministry of Rural development and council.
4. The support covered the cost of consultancy for the review of the south-east ozone layer preservation contest.
5. The support covered the cash prizes awarded to finalists of the essay contest.

About Glow Initiative for Economic Empowerment and Climate Smart Nigeria

Glow Initiative for Economic Empowerment is a non-governmental organization set up to harness the economic potentials of communities by tackling problems like unemployment, poor electricity access and climate change through education and investments in renewable energy. We are focused on reducing unemployment and creating a sustainable society by supporting women and young people to become renewable energy entrepreneurs by helping them acquire solar technology, business and financial management skills to create and deploy solar solutions for individuals and companies in rural and urban areas. Our goal is to birth 10,000 renewable energy entrepreneurs in the next 5 years. Climate Smart Nigeria is the arm Of Glow Initiative which is set up to combat environmental problems like Climate change to improve the nation's power sector by spreading the awareness of Climate Change to curb climate illiteracy and promoting the intervention of renewable energy. Through CSN, we use the tool of education to curb climate illiteracy. Our goal is to boost the economic development of Nigeria and attain a Climate Smart nation come 2026 through pioneering investments in renewable energy, Climate education and agriculture.

PICTORIAL EXCERPTS



1ST Prize winner receiving his cash award



2nd Prize winner receiving his cash award

PICTORIAL EXCERPTS



3rd Prize winner receiving his cash award

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PRESENTS

ECO-AWARENESS RADIO SHOW

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
WORLD DAY FOR OZONE
LAYER PRESERVATION

AIRING LIVE ON
URBAN RADIO
94.5FM ENUGU

THEME:
SAVE OZONE,
SAVE LIFE

DATE: FRIDAY 7TH
OCTOBER, 2022

GUEST SPEAKER

WILFRED OKEKE

PROJECT LEAD, OZONE ACTION WEEK
GLOW INITIATIVE FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

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PRESENTS

AWARD CEREMONY

**FOR THE SOUTHEAST OZONE
PRESERVATION ESSAY CONTEST**

DISCUSSIONS: COMMUNITY BASED APPROACH TO
OZONE LAYER PRESERVATION

THEME
**SAVE THE
OZONE,
SAVE LIVES**

Date : Friday 14th October, 2022

Venue: Office of the Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Rural Development, State Secretariat,
GRA Enugu, **Time:** 11:00am

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**GLOW INITIATIVE FOR
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PRESENTS**



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AWARD *Ceremony*

SOUTH-EAST OZONE PRESERVATION ESSAY CONTEST

THEME: SAVE OZONE, SAVE LIVES

1ST (WINNER) 30K
1ST RUNNER UP 25K
2ND RUNNER UP 15K

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**1st
WINNER**

**SOUTH-EAST
OZONE PRESERVATION
ESSAY CONTEST**
30k

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**3rd
WINNER**

**SOUTH-EAST
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ESSAY CONTEST**
15k

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**2nd
WINNER**

**SOUTH-EAST
OZONE PRESERVATION
ESSAY CONTEST**
25k

