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We are excited to showcase the incredible efforts of young leaders within the IPEN Youth Caucus from various regions around the globe, all working toward a sustainable, toxics-free future for everyone. In this edition of the IPEN Youth Caucus Newsletter, we spotlight innovative projects tackling the global plastic pollution crisis, demonstrating the vital role youth are playing in addressing one of the planet’s most pressing environmental challenges.

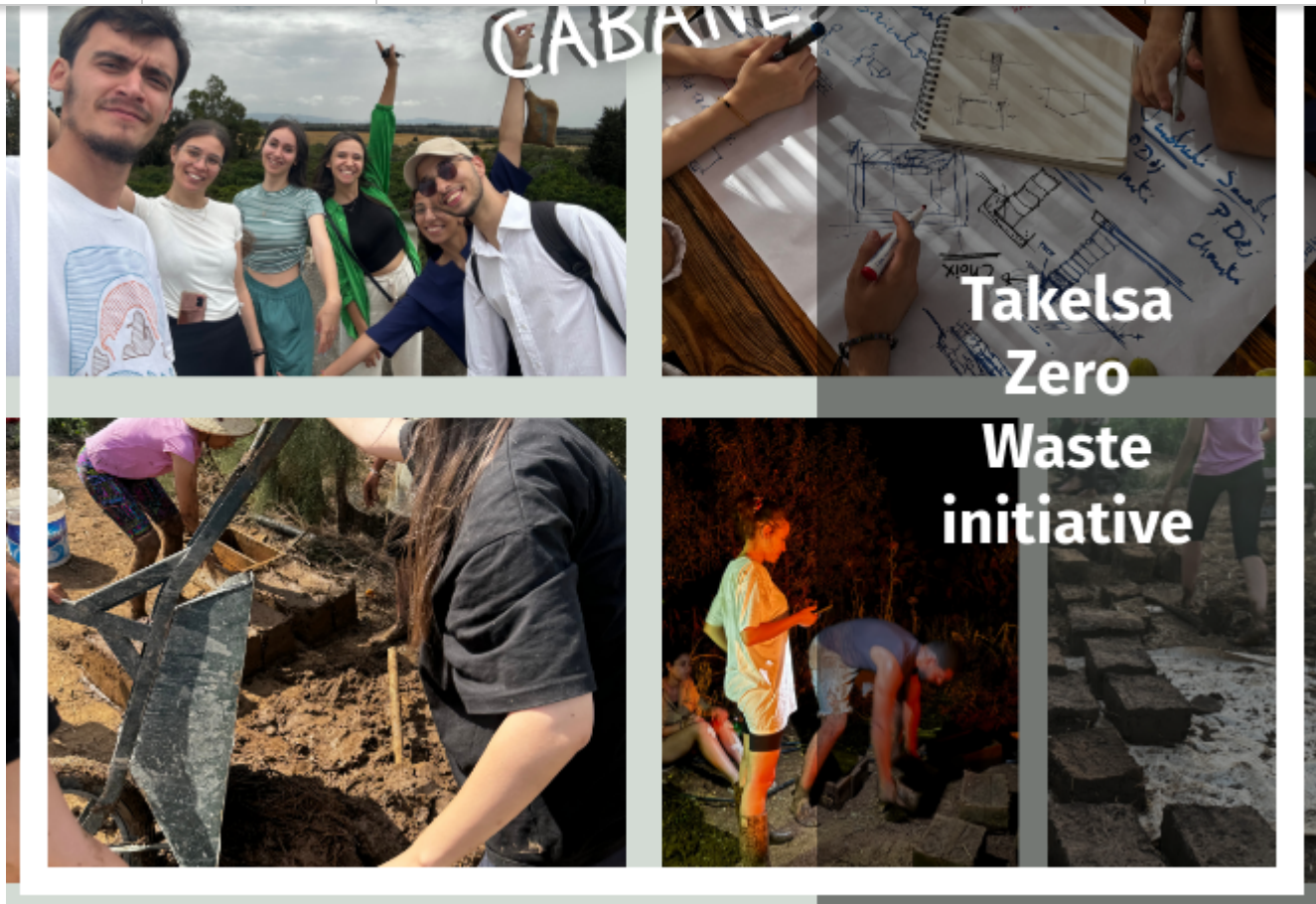


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The Youth Volunteers for Environment exists to educate children in schools about the dangers of abusive plastic use. We carry out plastic bottle collection raids in the city. We also organize campaigns and workshops to increase stakeholder understanding of the harmful chemicals contained in children's toys: the case of lead and PFAS.

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**AEEFG** (Association of Environmental Education for Future Generations)

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Our project, led by Mayssa Aloui, an architecture student, and Sarra Gharbi, the AEEFG project coordinator, was a participatory workshop for architecture students from ENAU Tunisia. Focused on eco-friendly construction, the workshop aimed to enhance students' skills in recycling and raise awareness about sustainable building using natural materials. Hosted at the "Taste of Takelsa" farm, the initiative emphasized preserving traditional techniques, reducing reliance on energy-intensive methods, and promoting sustainability. This project was part of the Takelsa Zero Waste initiative, funded by GAIA, and involved hands-on construction of an eco-cabin, reflecting the principles of a social and solidarity-based economy. [Learn more](#)

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## Les Amis de la Terre-Togo (friend of the earth- Togo)



Les Amis de la Terre trained forty state and non-state actors, and members of communities impacted by the West Africa Gas Pipeline project and rising sea levels on false climate solutions. The goal was two folded; lead participants to understand false solutions (REDD+, monoculture plantations, and the carbon market) and equip them to propose alternatives. [Learn more](#)

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## More Trainings

On June 20, 2024, in Lomé, the National Union of Public Sector Retirees of Togo (SYNARESPT) received training on managing plastic bags under Decree 2011-003/PR. The workshop covered the regulation of production, distribution, and recycling of plastic bags, addressing environmental and health concerns. Participants pledged to share their knowledge and advocate for better plastic waste management.



## Project EARN

It all started with a passion for creating a healthy and sustainable world, and what better place to begin than at home? This passion led to the creation of Centre For Earth Work's initiative, Project Earn; a community-driven waste management system in Plateau State. The project was launched in the Hwolshe community to tackle the issue of indiscriminate waste disposal. Through this initiative, 50 individuals were trained in waste management skills such as composting food waste into manure and weaving plastics into reusable products aimed at promoting a circular economy. A house-to-house community awareness program was also organised, emphasising the importance of sorting waste at home and promoting reuse. Additionally, various activities focused on the importance of tree planting for climate change mitigation. Although the project is ongoing, CFEW have been able to sensitise the community on

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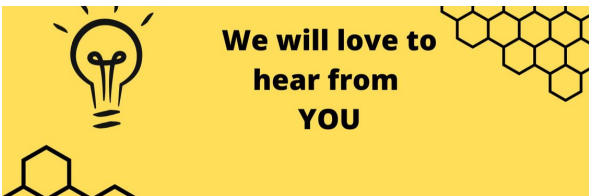
recovery facility, thereby improving the standard of living for community members.

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