



# ALHASSAN - GHANA RECYCLE UP!

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Since his time in Alpbach, Alhassan has completed his Master's degree in Sustainable Development, majoring in Energy and Material Resources. Alhassan is a co-founder of Recycle Up! Ghana (RUG), an NGO working to educate and empower Ghanaian youth to develop local solutions to waste problems.

RUG's mission is to, "empower the youth to develop local solutions for environmental and societal problems and truly make a difference in the world. Our core belief is that local problems have to be solved by local people. Furthermore, we believe that true societal change is driven by the Youth and that the more people strive to make a difference in the world the better our world will be."

RUG projects include summer camps as well as school programs that help to educate and empower youth in Ghana to act for the climate by recycling. Next, RUG plans to launch a Recycle Up! incubator to foster youth in developing creative solutions to Ghana's waste challenges.

How did Alpbach inspire you to continue your work as a global citizen?

"The incredible honour of being recognized for your work as a global citizen definitely pushes you to do more and to keep on working to promote the SDGs. The shared experiences with fellow participants, amazing seminars, fireside talks, plenary talks and networking with world leaders have definitely inspired me to continue my work."

-Alhassan

To learn more about this initiative,  
check out the website:

<https://www.recycleupghana.org/>

