

## TAAFS/AFRO4UN Side Event for UN Summit of the Future Action Day and Black Futures Summit

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- **Topic:** "Experience of Free Education in Africa: A Case in Ghana, Benin and Ethiopia and its Prospects"
- **Location:** Virtual/Limited Hybrid
- **Date:** Sept 21, 2024
- **Time:** 11am EST

### Executive Summary

This executive summary outlines the framework for a high-level United Nations Summit of the Future hybrid side event titled "Experience of Free Education in Africa: A Case in Ghana, Benin, and Ethiopia, and its Prospects" scheduled for September 21, 2024, at 11am EST.

The event will explore the experience of free education in Africa and its alignment with the United Nations' vision for 2030, particularly the Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education), and its integration with broader frameworks such as the reverent 17 SDGs, the Second Decade for People of African Descent, and global Human Rights.

The session will delve into the achievements, challenges, and prospects of free education in Africa, with a particular reference to Ghana, Benin, and Ethiopia. In the context of reparatory repair and equity, the event will highlight how educational initiatives contribute to addressing historical injustices and building a more just future for people of African descent. The discussion will weave in elements of African culture, emphasizing the importance of culturally responsive education and the role of youth in driving forward these goals.

A crucial area of focus will be on implementation policies, best practices, and their sustainability in Africa, considering the socio-economic and political dynamics of each country. This event aligns with the broader mission of ensuring equity and fostering a future where quality education serves as a foundation for social and economic empowerment, as well as a cornerstone of reparatory justice.

A team of experts in education would facilitate the event. Youth involvement and contributions would be key to the conversation, reflecting the importance of intergenerational dialogue in achieving the SDGs and upholding Human Rights.

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**Supporting Media and Resources:**

United Nations YouTube Rap Video: "17 Sustainable Development Goals"

Watch the video here via (<https://youtu.be/kGcrYkHwE80?si=AKnIiqzQIGnt2Hkj>)