

# **GHANA ALLIANCE**

# **MANIFESTO**

A commitment to youth agency, advocacy and participation

# ALLIANCE MEMBERS



There are 12 partners that have committed to being a part of the Alliance.

We are committed to meaningful youth agency, advocacy and participation across Ghana.



This manifesto is a declaration of our intent, a guide for our actions, and an invitation to all who share our vision.

Together, we can create a future that is truly transformative—powered by the potential of young people.



# STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Ghana Alliance is committed to placing young people at the centre of transformative change by fostering collective action and meaningful youth participation. We believe that when young people are actively involved in shaping their own futures, they become powerful drivers of equity, innovation, and systemic change.

We aim to cultivate an enabling environment where youth voices are not only heard but valued in decision-making, collaboration is intentional, and opportunities for leadership and agency are accessible to all. Through partnerships, shared learning, and collective impact, we will empower young people to challenge inequalities, co-create solutions, and drive sustainable change within their communities and beyond.

We work across different fields with young people including civic participation, health and wellbeing, education, innovation and technology.

Together, we are building a future where fairness, inclusivity, and opportunity are not just ideals but realities shaped and led by young people themselves.



# VISION

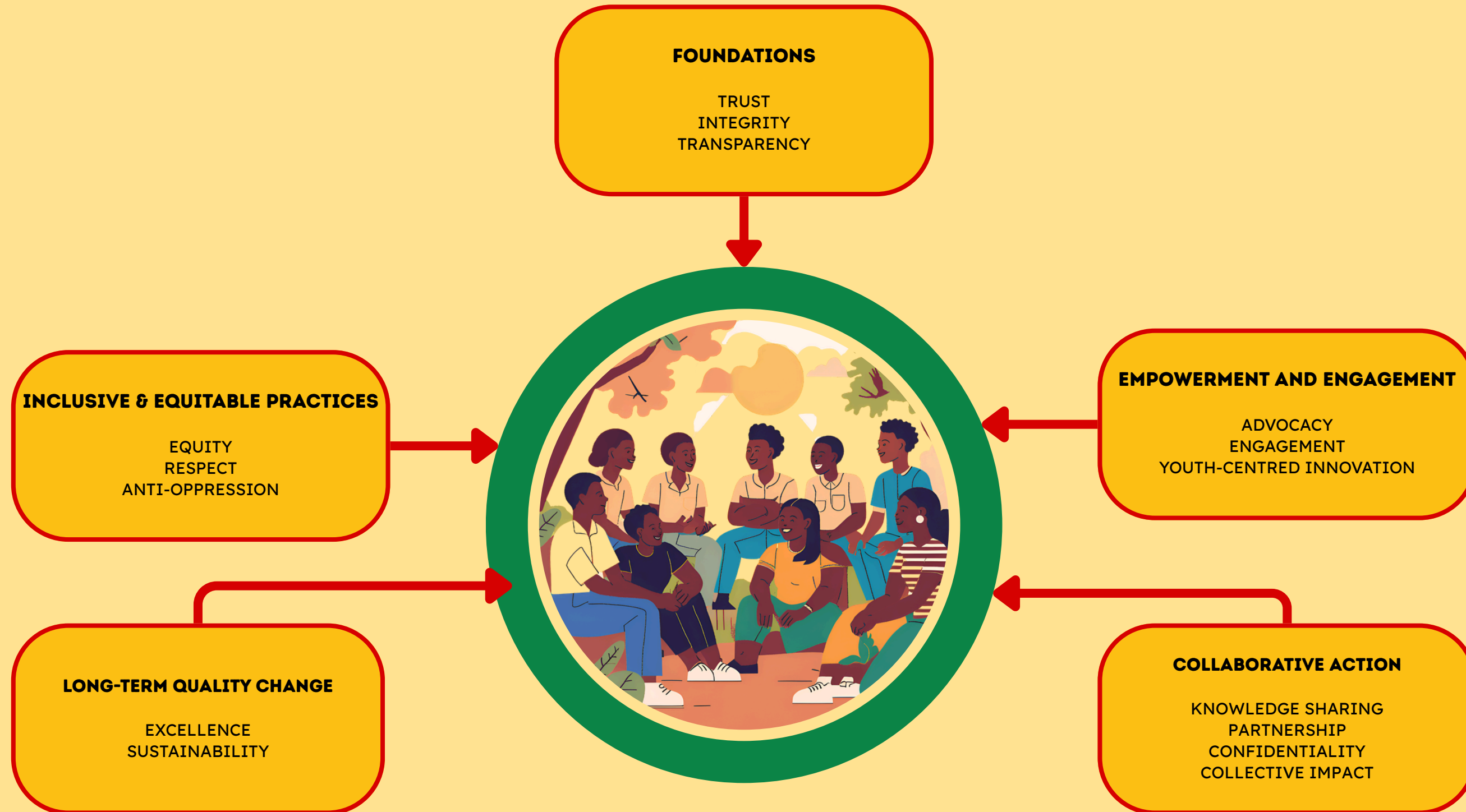
We believe that young people are not just the future but the present leaders of change. By investing in their potential and fostering an environment where their voices can be heard and they can thrive, we can collectively address the root causes of inequality, injustice, and exclusion.

We want to build a Ghana where every young person acts on their agency, driving sustainable, transformative change within their communities, benefiting from and contributing to a fairer, more inclusive world.



# OUR VALUES

Our values are based on five overarching areas that we collectively believe are required for this alliance. The definition of each value can be found here



# COMMITMENTS

THESE CORE COMMITMENTS ARE UNDERPINNED BY OUR VALUES



## MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION

We will centre young people in decision-making processes, ensuring that their voices, ideas, and lived experiences inform and shape policies, programs, and initiatives. We commit to providing platforms for youth to express themselves authentically, fostering a culture of co-creation and mutual respect.



## EQUITY & INCLUSION

We will address systemic barriers and promote fairness, ensuring that opportunities are accessible to all, particularly to marginalized and underserved communities. Our work will prioritise intersectional approaches that consider diverse identities, needs, and aspirations.



## YOUTH-CENTERED INNOVATION

We will encourage creativity and new approaches that address the unique challenges faced by young people, empowering them to lead transformative initiatives. Innovation will be driven by the needs and aspirations of youth, ensuring relevance and impact.



## SUSTAINABILITY & LASTING CHANGE

We will focus on long-term solutions that create systemic change, recognizing the urgency of addressing issues such as inequality, climate change, and economic inclusion. Our work will ensure that young people are equipped with the skills, tools, and opportunities to build sustainable futures.

# ACTIVIES

**THERE ARE THREE CORE AREAS OF ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY IDENTIFIED**



## **CAPACITY BUILDING**

We will share and learn from our individual and collective experiences of operating as organisations focused on young people to build more understanding, skills and confidence.



## **COLLECTIVE YOUTH IMPACT**

We will centre on building a collective narrative around how we support youth across Ghana from mapping to impact.



## **COLLECTIVE MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

We will bring together the young people that we have been collaborating with across Ghana together to connect, exchange and learn from one another.

# ALLIANCE PLEDGE

## Building a Future Through Meaningful Youth Participation

We, the members of the Ghana Alliance, declare our unwavering commitment to empowering young people as active architects of their own futures.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that meaningful youth participation is not just an ideal—it is a necessity. By creating an enabling environment that values inclusion, collaboration, and equity, we aim to transform the systems and structures that hinder opportunity and innovation.

Together, we pledge to amplify youth voices, advance equity, and ensure that every young person has the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to their communities and beyond.



# DEFINITIONS



## FOUNDATIONAL VALUES

A foundation for meaningful collaboration and strong relationships, ensuring transparency, honesty, and ethical decision-making.

## TRUST

Establishing reliability, honesty, and mutual confidence among all stakeholders. Trust is essential for building lasting partnerships and encouraging open communication.

## INTEGRITY

Upholding strong moral principles and ethical standards in all actions and decisions. Integrity ensures accountability and credibility.

## TRANSPARENCY

Promoting openness and clear communication in decision-making and processes. Transparency fosters trust and allows all participants to engage meaningfully.

## INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE PRACTICES

Creating a fair and inclusive environment, ensuring that all voices—especially those of young people and those from marginalised communities—are heard and valued

## EQUITY

Addressing systemic inequalities by ensuring fair opportunities and access for all, particularly young people, marginalised and underrepresented groups.

## RESPECT

Valuing diverse perspectives, accommodating different viewpoints, and fostering an environment where everyone feels heard and appreciated

## ANTI-OPPRESSION

Actively working to dismantle systemic biases, injustices, and discrimination to create a more just and inclusive society

## EMPOWERMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Ensuring that young people are not just included but actively involved in shaping their futures.

## ENGAGEMENT

Actively involving youth and other stakeholders in meaningful ways, ensuring their voices contribute to decision-making and action

## YOUTH-CENTRED INNOVATION

Creating and implementing solutions that directly address the needs, aspirations, and challenges of young people.

## ADVOCACY

Championing systemic change by promoting policies, practices, and initiatives that amplify the voices of young people and marginalised communities

## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Encouraging the exchange of ideas, experiences, and best practices to strengthen collaboration and collective learning.

## PARTNERSHIP

Building meaningful and sustainable relationships across organisations, sectors, and geographies to work toward common goals.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Ensuring that private and sensitive information shared within partnerships is protected to maintain trust and integrity.

## COLLECTIVE IMPACT

A network of partners who have shared goals, coordinated actions and messaging, continuous learning, and a commitment to systemic equitable change

## EXCELLENCE

Striving for the highest standards in innovation, performance, and impact, ensuring that efforts lead to meaningful and sustainable outcomes

## SUSTAINABILITY

- Prioritising solutions that create long-term, systemic change, addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges in ways that endure over time.

## OPENNESS

Being receptive to new ideas, transparent in intentions, and authentic in interactions

## PARTICIPATION

Taking part in something meaningfully

**THIS WAS MANIFESTO CO-CREATED AND  
CO-DESIGNED BY THE ALLIANCE MEMBERS**

**THANK YOU!**