



# UOWIAP NEWS

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## UOWIAP participates in the 7th Ghana Garden and Flower fair at the Efua Sutherland Addy park, Accra

It was an exciting time for the UOWIAP project which for the first time out doored its **UOWIAP AA Compost** at the 7th Ghana Garden Fair which came off on the 31st August to the 4th September, 2017. There was a massive turn out at the 5 day fair and the IESS stand which exhibited UOWIAP was overwhelmed with over 2000 visitors. The idea that this project showcased the circular economy of waste was exciting for many of the patrons. The enthusiasm of the UOWIAP team was great. All IESS project team members including the Director of the IESS Prof. Chris Gordon were there at one point or the other to usher in visitors and explain the UOWIAP project concept.

UOWIAP returned from the fair with hundreds of potential customers



Displayed compost at the fair



UOWIAP team engaging with patrons



Dignitaries touring the fair

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# **Trainees In Wash Entrepreneurship Launch a 6 Member Business Group In Waste Management**

After a three month course in entrepreneurship and composting, six of the trainees saw a very great business opportunity. They decided to take advantage of this opportunity to create a business venture. They have organized themselves to start a business venture in organic waste collection and compost production in the Ga West Municipality. The business model is such that, the trainees collect and segregate organic waste from market in the municipality. The organic waste collected, in addition to animal waste and water, is thereby used to produce composting. The compost produced by these trainees is being sold to farmers and other compost users. Also the trainees used some of their compost for organic farming. The products such as green pepper from the farm is being sold to inhabitants of the area. Income levels have risen for trainees





## Trainees graduate in a Grande ceremony

Twenty trainees who went through a three month intensive skills training in compost production and entrepreneurship were awarded certificates of Participation on the 2nd of June, 2017. The ceremony which was held at the premises of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Pokuasi was Chaired by the Director of the Institute for Environment and Sanitation Studies, University of Ghana, Prof. Christopher Gordon, with the Guest Speaker , the Municipal Chief Executive of the Ga-West Municipality, Mr. Nii Lamptey Wilkenson encouraged the granduants to use the knowledge and skills they had acquired for job creation. He further promised to lend his full support to the project through provision on land for this vocation in the Municipality. The leader of the trainees Mr. Kodwo Nssaful expressed sincere appreciation to the project for opportunity to aquire the skills for their own future economic situation enhancement.

# Awareness creation among School Children

UOWIAP has sought to use participatory processes to engage its key stakeholders throughout the project. Children were identified as key stakeholders based on the premise that what they learn today will shape the world tomorrow. The project organised a half-day training programme for 96 school children from Okyirikomfo and Bodumase Basic Schools. The specific objectives were to build capacity, create and share knowledge and build strategic partnerships. The students were also taken through the process of compost production. At the end of the day many of the teachers and the children showed appreciation for the tools for informal learning used by the facilitators, Dr. Elaine T. Lawson and Dr. Ted Annang.

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