

MEET CHARLES FROM TEAM SUSTAINOVATORS

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- NAME: **CHARLES**
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- MAJOR: **ENGINEERING**
- TEAM: **SUSTAINOVATORS**

WHY CHARLES JOINED PGC:

Charles shared that his interest in climate issues started back in high school, where he was part of environmental clubs. He often had to research and present to his peers, and that process made him realize how little he actually knew about what causes climate change. At first, he thought it was mostly about carbon emissions, but after joining PGC last year, he learned that it's about so much more agriculture, food systems, water, waste, and the way people live every day.

He also mentioned that many young people in Ghana don't take climate change seriously or think it's a real issue, which motivated him even more to be part of the solution. Joining PGC again this year gave him a way to learn more, raise awareness, and start meaningful conversations in his community.

HOW PGC INSPIRED HIM:

Charles said the Water Challenge was one of the biggest eye-openers for him. Tracking his water use helped him see how individual choices really do add up. It changed how he thinks about daily habits and showed him that making small changes can lead to big results.

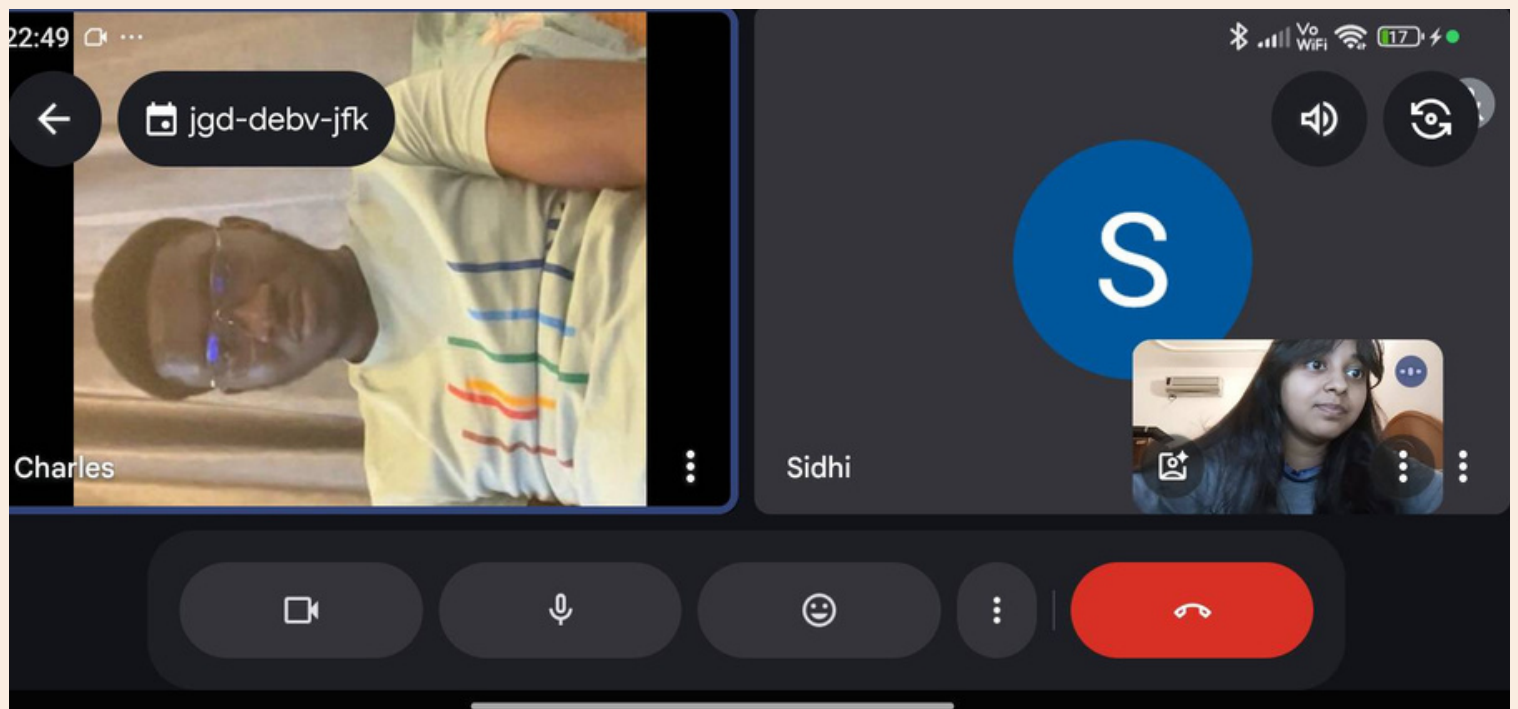
"People around me still don't believe climate change is real, but that only pushes me to do more." — Charles, Team Sustainovators

He also learned about regenerative agriculture, which he hadn't heard of before, and it completely changed how he viewed sustainability. He now sees how nature and technology can work together to rebuild systems instead of just maintaining them.

What stood out most was how PGC helped him see leadership differently. He said that before, he thought leadership was for people already in positions of power. Now he sees it as something anyone can step into.

It just takes the courage to reach out and start something. He learned that even as a student, he can connect with local officials, be a part of discussions, and help influence decisions that matter.

Charles also talked about how frustrating it can be when people around him dismiss climate change as an exaggeration. Instead of giving up, that disbelief pushes him to work harder to show that the issue is real, present, and something everyone needs to care about.

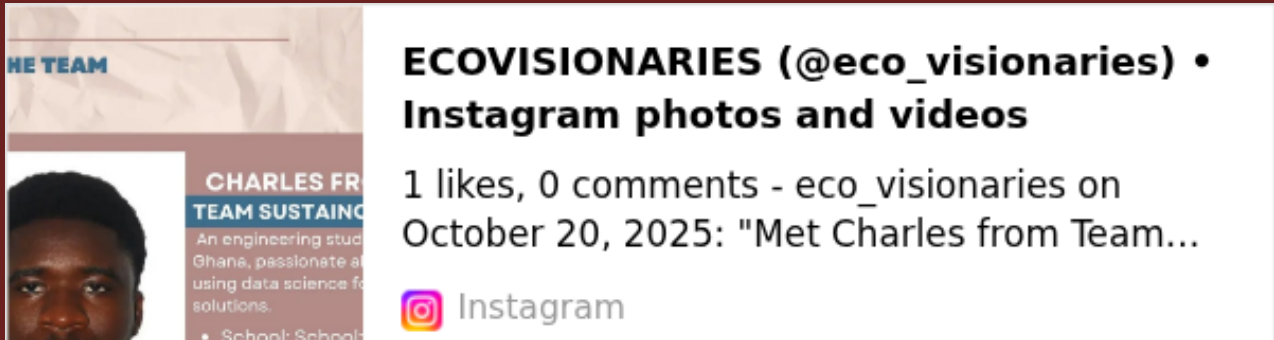


THREE THINGS THAT INSPIRED ME ABOUT HIM:



- He's genuinely curious: always asking questions and learning, from understanding his water footprint to exploring regenerative agriculture.
- He's passionate about using his skills: combining data science with climate tech to make a real impact in the world.
- He turns challenges into motivation: when people doubt climate change, he speaks up and educates others instead of giving up.
- He's thoughtful about leadership: he believes making a big difference starts by taking the first step, even in small ways.

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REFLECTION:

Talking to Charles felt like meeting someone who thinks the same way I do. We're from different STEM paths; he is in engineering and data, and I'm in medicine, but both of us want to **connect our fields with climate action**. It's something that reminds me **how much science can do when it's used for good**.

Hearing his journey made me realize that no matter where you start, if you stay curious and care enough, you can bring change into any discipline.

