



Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition-GNECC

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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE AU DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

The Ghana National Education Campaign Coalition (GNECC) joins hands with millions of people across Africa today to wish all Ghanaian children a happy **AU Day of the African Child**. Instituted on June 16, 1976, the AU Day has been celebrated annually in remembrance of the children who died in Soweto, South Africa as they marched on the street in protest to what they thought was a violation of their rights to quality education.

As the celebration is expected across Africa to create awareness on the importance of children having access to justice in all matters concerning their welfare, this is a day to discuss and find solutions to the challenges children in Africa face on a daily basis.

GNECC is a notable civil society mouthpiece on education in Ghana and is poised to carry out its mandate to advocate for free, quality, equitable and accessible education for all. GNECC also considers today as a day of reckoning, a day to create awareness among relevant stakeholders on the ongoing celebration and seeks to emphasize the need to improve education for all children living in Ghana and across Africa.

We use this opportunity to call on all key stakeholders in the education sector to get on board in complementing the effort of the Ministry of Education and the Ghana Education Service to address the pending challenges in our schools that would ensure that no child is left behind, towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 targets.

On this note, GNECC wishes all children A Happy **AU Day of the African Child**.

Signed:

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