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CIFAL Nigeria - World Environment Day 2026 Theme: "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future"

People

Deadline: 4 Jun 2026

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Date:	5 Jun 2026
Duration:	1 Days
Thematic Area:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
Website:	https://cifal-global-network.org/
Price:	$0.00
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Partnership:	Rivers State Ministry of Education, , Rivers State Waste Management Agency (RIWAMA), , Health Environment and You(HEY)

BACKGROUND

International Centre for Training of Authorities and Leaders (CIFAL) hosted by Rivers State University, in partnership with Health Environment and You (HEY) a leading civil society organization dedicated to environmental sustainability is implementing a training/awareness programme for secondary schools in Nigeria

as part of its broader Climate Action initiative.

The World Environment Day 2026 Secondary Schools Training Programme is designed to equip young people with the knowledge and practical skills needed to address one of the country's most pervasive environmental challenges: the improper disposal of single-use plastic packets, particularly water sachets. These plastics, widely used across Nigeria, have become a dominant source of pollution in school environments, streets, drainage channels, and water bodies.
Nigeria consumes over 2.5 billion litres of sachet water annually, translating into billions of plastic sachets entering the environment every year. With limited recycling systems and weak waste management infrastructure, most of these sachets end up:
Clogging drainage systems,
Littering streets and open spaces,
Polluting waterways and coastal areas,
Accumulating in landfills and informal dumps.

The National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) has consistently warned that discarded sachets contribute significantly to flooding, ecosystem degradation, and public health risks. This growing crisis underscores the urgent need for behavioural change, especially among young people who are both major consumers and key.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This event aims to create awareness students on the risks of indiscriminate disposal of used single use plastic packets, promote environmental cleanliness, and strengthen public health awareness. It will equip participants with basic knowledge of what plastics are made of practical skills in collecting, sorting, and packaging waste, while encouraging responsible behaviour, recycling culture, and active involvement in environmental sanitation programmes within their schools and communities

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this programme, students will:

• Describe the basic composition of plastics and state two reasons why they persist in the environment.

• Identify at least three risks associated with indiscriminate disposal of single-use plastic packets and explain how these risks affect the environment and public health.
• Demonstrate correct techniques for collecting, sorting, and packaging plastic waste during a supervised practical session.
• Elect student champions to commit to monitoring progress consistently within their school environment over the next four weeks and report back for a prize.
• Teach students how to create a dedicated waste collection zone and there would be awards for the most waste collected.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Activity-Based Training Programme for Secondary Schools

1. Mini-Lesson: Understanding Plastics
2. Activity: Environmental & Health Risks
3. Practical Session: Collecting, Sorting & Packaging
4. How to create a School Waste Collection Zone
5. Student Champions Election
6. About SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, “do more and better with less”.

Focus on Target 12.5 “reduce waste generation by 2030 through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse”.

METHODOLOGY

Lectures, Demonstration, Simulation, Group work

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Secondary Schools in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The activity is part of the CIFAL Nigeria and HEY’s 250 Schools Programme