

National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS)

The National Union of Ghana Students (NUGS), founded in 1965, is an organization for all students in the country.

It aims

- to protect and promote the interests of the students,
- to ensure a cordial relationship with the government of Ghana,
- to increase employment and thus reduce poverty and youth unemployment.

Also, NUGS organizes workshops and seminars related for example to HIV/AIDS, to the role of the youth in Ghana and to democracy. It is a major negotiator with the Government on educational issues.

The annual congress elects officers of the NUGS' national secretariat and adopts the work programme. The organization is affiliated to the All African Student Union (AASU) and to the International Union of Students (IUS).

Collaboration with FES

In 2002 the collaboration between FES and NUGS was established. Henceforth, the Student Union, with assistance from FES organized several discussions and meetings on different issues such as education and youth unemployment.

FES organized a training programme for NUGS leaders in order to strengthen their leadership skills. Within this training programme the students deepened their negotiating skills and gained further insights into current issues of student Loan Financing.

A highlight of NUGS' activities in 2003 was the organization of a five-day "ECOWAS Students Summit". Apart from students from six West African countries, four ministers and the President of Ghana attended this meeting, which received co-sponsoring from FES.

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