



Launch of 'Girls Can Code' Project

## WHAT IS HACSA

The HACSA is a non-profit NGO with a mission to highlight the importance of heritage and culture for sustainable socioeconomic development and poverty alleviation in Africa. We promote and celebrate African heritage and culture and the dynamism and blending of cultures.

We strive to project the richness and beauty which can be found in the land, the people, and the culture and create fora in which serious debate can take place on how to harness its abundant resources for the improvement of the quality of life of its people both in Africa and in the Diaspora.

# HACSA'S PROJECTS

## **'GIRLS CAN CODE' PROJECT**

In our efforts to achieve gender parity through girls' empowerment and access to technological innovations, HACSA initiated the 'Girls Can Code' Project in Ghana, and supported the implementation of the first phase across five schools in the country, in collaboration with UNESCO, GES, AITI-KACE, DreamOval Foundation and Soronko Foundation. 150 Girls have passed through the programme. We are now actively working to raise funds to support the second phase of the project.

## **THE HACSA OUTREACH AND TRAINING PROJECT**

This project seeks to organise activities and workshops to introduce children and adults from all nationalities and all walks of life to various aspects of African Heritage and Culture. This will be done in partnership with schools and as an after school or after work or holiday activity. These workshops would provide an insight into new opportunities for employment, careers, hobbies and pastimes by familiarising participants with African history, languages, music, dance, folklore and crafts. This project will also provide an opportunity to train tour guides who understand the significance of Heritage Sites. Such activities are in line with SDG 8 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and demonstrate new opportunities for employment and to increase standards of living.

## **THE HACSA SLAVE ROUTE PROJECT**

We partner with educational institutions and experts to identify, record, and label the sites and routes which are historically associated with the enslavement of African people in Ghana. This is part of efforts to preserve, educate and train communities and tourists on the tangible heritage in our country. The HACSA Summit 2019 will be held from 5th to 11th August in solemn commemoration of the 400 Year Anniversary of the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people. The conference will focus on the legacy of the slave trade, the communities affected and innovations to overcome its impact.

## **RICHTER FORT RESTORATION MUSEUM PROJECT**

Richter Fort is a privately owned heritage site built by Heinrich and Christian Richter, the children of a Danish governor and an African woman, in 1809. It was a major site of captivity for enslaved Africans, with close links with the Christiansborg Castle in Osu, Accra. Our project collaborates with the Richter Family and seeks to restore the Fort, and, in collaboration with scholars in the field of Archaeology and Anthropology, convert it into a museum to house the tangible and intangible heritage of Danish and other European presence in Ghana. The museum would host family history records and memorabilia.



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