

Generation Restoration: Shaping our future

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Without an inkling of doubt, today's environmental crisis is the result of years of inadvertent human negligence. In Nigeria, rising temperatures contribute to increased cases of heatstroke, malaria and cholera. Forests are thinning out, ecosystems are being disrupted unduly, and the air we breathe is no longer pure.

Our farms have also had their fair share of the climate crises in recent times ranging from extreme and unpredictable weather patterns, protracted droughts and frequent floods. With a reported 80% of Nigerian farmers practicing rain-dependent agriculture, it's easy to establish a link between climate change, poor yield, malnutrition and food insecurity. We indeed we have legitimate reasons to worry.

As inheritors of a seemingly distressed Earth, 'Generation Restoration' (my generation) must approach these issues with intentionality. We must make climate-smart agriculture mainstream, champion 'green' energy and build circular economies layered on recycling. Our voices must also echo through policy rooms and our actions inspire communities to join our crusade. Whether by planting trees, repurposing waste or educating the next generation, posterity beckons us to amplify our message. In light of the constant assault on the planet we love so dearly, the burden of restoration is thus ours, so is the blessing.