

**SUBMISSION by Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy
on behalf of the CLEAN Network (*cleanet.org*)**

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Views on the organization and content of the 5th in Session Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention, ACE

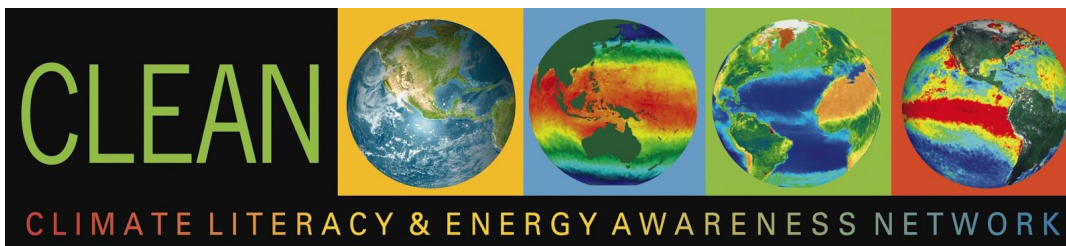
The CLEAN Network is a professionally diverse community committed to improving climate and energy literacy locally, regionally, nationally, and globally, to enable responsible decisions and actions. We are working in close collaboration with ECONGO, an umbrella Organisation for Climate Education, Communication and Outreach in order to facilitate exchange of best practices, collaborate, and create a global network. ECONGO is a new community supporting climate action through engagement and informed decision-making.

Following the 2016 federal election in the USA, all reports emerging from the transition government indicate a rapid retreat from international agreements that can reduce human impacts on climate change. Given the anticipated rapid change in federal policy already being planned by the President's transition team, leaders in climate change education and engagement are convening to develop a coordinated strategy to ensure that America does not place itself in harm's way nor undermine global efforts to protect human populations and the planetary systems on which all life depends. To develop this strategy, we will be employing UNESCO's (2016) Action for Climate Empowerment Guidelines (ACE) for accelerating solutions through education, training and public awareness as a structure for the work. For this reason, we stand ready to provide support at and beyond the 5th Dialogue in Bonn.

Indeed, the realisation of climate resilient communities largely depends on how well leaders and the public are informed about climate change issues, including mitigation and adaptation measures and impacts. Even in moments where climate leadership is absent at a federal level, climate education allows for a decentralized mobilization of citizens to engage in the international UN processes. We believe that education is essential and cross-cutting to the functioning of other negotiation areas, such as Adaptation, Loss & Damage, and Mitigation.

Meeting Structure:

CLEAN would like to make the following submission of recommendations for the structure of the meeting. We find the submission put forth by ECONGO consistent with our vision (cited here), including these further additions. We ask that the Secretariat:



- I. Invite those who are working in additional negotiation areas, such as Adaptation, Loss & Damage, and Mitigation to allow for cross-cutting dialogue and ensure that ACE is implemented in a holistic fashion.
- II. Provide a space for discussion and collaboration on NGO capacity building in countries where government leadership is absent.

We also support the following ECONGO recommendations:

- III. Allow for an interactive meeting space, wherein the focus is on content, strategy, and collaboration.
- IV. Accept an interactive discussion on the power of a Network of Educators and presentation on CLEAN and ECONGO.
- V. Offer opportunities for remote access participation via a web platform in order to facilitate inclusivity and a breadth of perspectives.
- VI. Provide those present at the meeting with a mode to continue collaboration after the meeting.

Discussion Agenda Points:

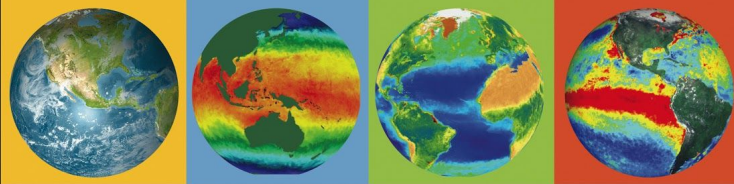
CLEAN would like to make the following submission of substantive agenda points to be addressed:

- I. We support the continuation of an Education and Youth day at UNFCCC COPs. In addition, we recommend the inclusion of education, training, public awareness, and public participation-- as outlined in Article 6.

We also support the following ECONGO recommendations:

- II. Parties who do not have the ACE National Focal Points (NFP) should be encouraged to accelerate their nomination processes and submit their names to the UNFCCC Secretariat or explain their decision not to do so;
- III. Parties with ACE NFPs need to be supported with technical and financial assistance in developing their National ACE Strategy for effective resource mobilisation and implementation of their respective programmes;
- IV. Parties should abide by their commitments to the Convention and Paris Agreement by implementing ACE programmes at local, regional, national and international level based on the principles of equity, transparency and accountability;
- V. The UNFCCC Secretariat, the Green Climate Fund and related bodies should provide more guidance on the financing mechanism of the implementation of the ACE programmes at national and international levels, and to consider requiring ACE education, communication and outreach efforts be included in all funding proposals ;

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- VI. All Parties should be encouraged to fully incorporate ACE in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and in related position papers submitted to the UNFCCC COPs and related meetings, as well as in proposals to the Green Climate Fund;
- VII. The UN Alliance on Climate Education, Training and Public Awareness is invited to collaborate closely with ECONGO in implementing localized and domesticated ACE programmes in all nations of the world;
- VIII. The NFP and Parties are encouraged to engage young people and incentivize substantive youth delegate programs in order to facilitate intergenerational equity in the decision-making processes as well as to recognize the opportunity for Parties to learn from youth;
- IX. ACE programmes should have a special practical focus on community resilience, mitigation and adaptation initiatives that are adapted to local culture and societal climate while ensuring particular attention to vulnerable communities who are consistently and systematically forgotten; and
- X. UNFCCC should encourage North-South and South-South international cooperation related to climate education, communication and outreach in order to enhance innovation, technical capacity, knowledge sharing and capacity-building amongst Parties

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