



United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness

First Dialogue on Article 6 of the Convention

11 June, Bonn



Rationale

Growing number of UN organizations working to lay the ground for building green and climate-resilient societies



Need to promote meaningful, result-oriented and effective international cooperation on climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information



Launch



COP18/CMP8, 3 December 2012, Doha



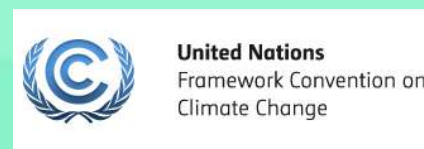
Founding members:

- **FAO**
- **UNEP**
- **UNESCO**
- **UNFCCC**
- **UNICEF**
- **UNITAR**
- **WMO**





Members



UN SG CCST



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*





Objectives

- **Maximize synergies and coherence of activities**
- **Utilize available expertise and resources efficiently through enhanced coordination**
- **Support Parties to the UNFCCC in their efforts to design, initiate and undertake activities related to climate change education, training and public awareness**
- **Establish a clear link between the work of the member organizations and the UNFCCC process**





Doha work programme on Article 6

Invites the Alliance members to support its implementation through:

- Providing and disseminating information and resource materials**
- Strengthening cooperation and mobilizing partnerships among Parties, IGOs, NGOs, academia, the private sector, local governments and community-based organizations**
- Supporting countries in developing a long-term, strategic and country-driven approach to climate change education and training**
- Designing and implementing training programmes, developing guidelines and providing other direct support to national focal points for Article 6 of the Convention**
- Providing financial and technical support**

Decision 15/CP.18, Annex, paragraph 24 (a)-(h)



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



- Supporting the adoption of climate smart agriculture practices, policy and finance approaches



- Developing climate change education initiatives and educational resources, especially for children and young people, to promote more sustainable and climate smart behaviour

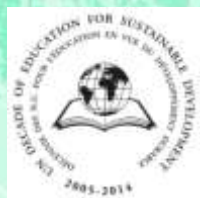




United Nations Children's Fund



- Supporting countries in adopting a child-friendly approach to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction by developing resource materials, conducting trainings and organizing expert meetings
- Implementing climate change education in our programmatic work as a key strategy of adaptation and risk reduction
- Supporting national governments on integration of climate change and DRR into national curriculums
- Coordinating the work of the UN Inter-Agency Committee for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD 2005-2014) in 2013 as the Committee's Chair





United Nations Development Programme



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

- **Africa Adaptation Programme has developed and implemented climate change school curricula in Nigeria**
- **Community-based Adaptation Project in Namibia: sustainability ensured through training and awareness raising programmes that increase residents' skills and knowledge on a selection of climate adaptation related issues, involving as such a large and varied group of stakeholders (from Small Grants Programme)**





United Nations Development Programme



UN
DP

Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

- **Community-based Adaptation Programme in Jamaica: awareness raising efforts targeted school-going children and their communities, making them agents of change (from Small Grants Programme)**



- **Global Gender and Climate Alliance regional cadres of experts in Asia and Africa initiative trains people on the links between climate change and gender, to become regional and national anchors ensuring that climate change policies, decision making, and initiatives are gender responsive**



GGCA
Global Gender and Climate Alliance



Incorporating a gender perspective in all climate change policies and initiatives is critical to solving the climate crisis



United Nations Environment Programme



- Environmental Education and Training Unit
www.unep.org/training
- Engaging over 16,000 Universities globally
- Mainstreaming environment and sustainability in African Universities
- Global Universities Partnership on Environment and Sustainability
www.unep.org/training/programmes/gupes
- Tongji University Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development
- Toolkit on Greening Universities (low-carbon campuses)



United Nations Environment Programme



- **UNEP and UNESCO YouthXchange**
- **Training Course on Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction for Sustainable Development www.pedrr.net**
- **Graduate Level Teaching Module on Disasters, Environment and Risk Reduction**





United Nations Environment Programme



- UNEP's flagship programme on youth engagement “TUNZA” seeks to enhance, inspire and enable the involvement of children and young people in sustainable development and increase their participation in environmental issues.



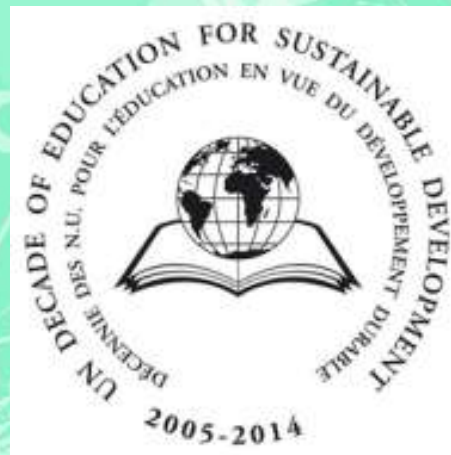


United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



UNESCO's Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development (CCESD) Programme - promoting Climate Change Education as entry point for fostering sustainable development through education:

- **Policy guidelines on CCESD**
- **CCE country programmes: capacity building activities for policy makers and teacher education**
- **Regional networking expert meetings in Africa and SIDS developed regional recommendations on adapting education systems to the impact of climate change**
- **Materials/Clearinghouse**





United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development Materials:

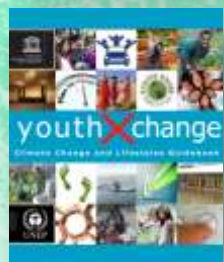


- **Online Course: Climate Change in the classroom: UNESCO course for secondary teachers on climate change education for sustainable development**



- **Climate Change Starter's Guidebook: An issues guide for Education Planners and Practitioners**

- **Video: Learning to address climate change**



- **YouthXchange Climate Change and Lifestyles Guidebook**





United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Change Support Team

- **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recognizes climate change as “the defining issue of our time” and is committed to addressing climate change among his top priorities**



- **Supporting governments to build a new legal climate agreement by 2015**
- **Promoting action that educates the public on climate change causes and solutions, and helps empower citizens to address climate change**
- **Developing education and public awareness activities**



United Nations University - Institute of Advanced Studies



UNITED NATIONS
UNIVERSITY

UNU-IAS

Institute of Advanced Studies

- Promoting the incorporation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) into curricula at all levels of education and in all levels of society to increase general knowledge of ESD-related issues globally, while improving international actions related to ESD
- Developing learning systems for sustainable development through its 117 Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD





World Health Organization



- Training materials development and support of UN CC:Learn
- Training on “Mainstreaming gender in health adaptation to climate change programmes”
- WHO, IFMSA, Health Canada webinar series on health and climate change
- **Partnership with the International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations**



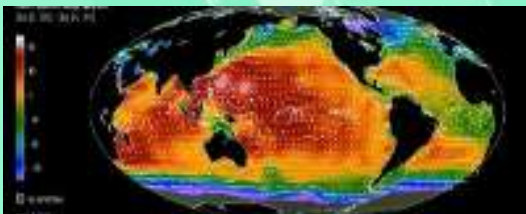
Mainstreaming gender
in health adaptation
to climate change
programmes



World Meteorological Organization



- **Assisting countries to develop education and training programmes on weather, climate and water with the aim of strengthening scientific and operational capabilities and public weather services**



- **Raising public awareness of the most recent scientific findings about climate variability and climate change**





United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

- Servicing intergovernmental negotiations related to climate change education, training and public awareness and organizing an annual Dialogue on Article 6
- Hosting the Climate Change Information Network Clearinghouse CC:iNet
- Providing the secretariat for the UN Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness
- Coordinating the UN Joint Framework Initiative on Children, Youth and Climate Change





Outlook

What are other ways through which the Alliance and its members could support countries on climate change education and training?





**For further information please visit the
webpage of the Alliance at:**

http://unfccc.int/cooperation_and_support/education_and_outreach/items/7403.php



THANK YOU!