

Network meeting

September 18, 2024



GREEN: An overview

What is GREEN?

The Global Response to Education and the Environment Network (GREEN) is a collaborative partnership with the common objective of advancing research, information and communication to inform policy, programming, and practice in the area of education and resilience to climate change.

We are a growing network. As we are still forming, our ways of working and our focus areas are still developing. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

GREEN is not a competitive space, but rather an open collaborative space. GREEN members do not compete against each other. The only thing we are competing against is time.

New to GREEN? Catch up with us by clicking on the links below:

- Find slide decks and notes from [past meetings](#)
- Review [foundational documents](#) that inform GREEN's inception
- View major email blasts in the [historical communications](#) folder
- Visit GREEN online at our [website](#) + [LinkedIn](#)
- Share resources via the [website](#) or [Google forms](#)
- Familiarize yourself with UNDP's [Climate Dictionary](#) for baseline definitions of key terms

What's [Collective Mind](#)?

Collective Mind is a consulting firm that supports networks, network practitioners, and network donors to be more effective and impactful. Kerstin Tebbe and her team are collaborating with us during our inception.

Welcome! Please check in

Name	Organization	Location	How can we make even better use of our crowdsourced Field Updates?
James Murray	Sightsavers	Brighton UK	
Sarah Havekost	Winrock International	Washington, DC	
Abie Spangler	Room to Read	Washington, DC	It seems to be ok for now
Jeanne Long	Save the Children	Washington, DC	
Rachel Renbarger	FHI 360	Durham, NC	
Lauren Simmons	Save the Children US	Washington, DC	Thus far, I think things are working well.
Erna Grasz	Asante Africa FOundation	Today, Livermore , CA	hmmm, doing well now

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Yolande Miller-Grandvaux	FHI 360	France at the moment	I always want to know if there are meetings/conferences of interest that folks are planning (or not) to attend
Aaron Bensvot	MECCE and SUNY-Albany	ALbany NY	
Katie Davis	IRC	Oregon, USA	
Anna Seeger	UNESCO	Suva, Fiji	
Julee Allen	FHI 360	Washington, DC USA	I think we're okay? The newsletter seems to be working, as well as posting on LinkedIn and the website.
Javad Ahmadi	PARI	Toronto	
Ommera Ahmed	ECW	London	

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Nick Ireland	Save the Children	UK based	
Linda Wafi	Creative Associates	DC, USA	
Kasondra Miller	Action for the Climate Emergency	Personal: Tampa, FL Org: US, Brazil, India, UK, South Africa	
Drew Dunbrack	UNICEF	New York	
Anja Nielsen	Save the Children / GADRRRES	UK	
Tricia Tibbetts	Creative Associates	US	
Geoffrey Kasangaki	Asante Africa Foundation	East Africa	Doing well for now

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Christina Kwauk	Unbounded Associates	DC	

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Next meeting: November 20



Member networking

Two-minute breakout groups in pairs
Who are you? Where are you? How does your work align with GREEN?



Updates

Steering Committee (2025-26) recruitment

- Applications open – October 7th
- Applications close – November 1st
- Voting by all members – November 11th to 29th
- Announcements – early December

Who can apply?

- any GREEN members as individuals who will actively contribute

What's the commitment?

- 1 or 2 years, bimonthly meetings plus ad hoc additional support

NEXT STEP: more info in monthly newsletter on October 1st

Strategic visioning

Determining our shared vision of the near future for GREEN...

- Member survey – release mid-October, close beginning of November
- Focus group discussions (FGDs) – late November, early December

NEXT STEP: watch for the member survey in mid-October



Field updates

Planning for COP29 (November, Azerbaijan)

Will you be at COP29? How can GREEN use COP to mobilize attention and action?

Do you plan to be at COP29? (add your name, email for follow up)	
Sarah Havekost (sarah.havekost@winrock.org) - I'm not going to be there, but Winrock will have a delegation there and I can facilitate connections.	I will be there along with 3/4 colleagues from Education Cannot Wait - Ommerra Ahmed - omahmed@unicef.org - we are planning 3 events on education and climate (TBC)
Yolande (ymiller-grandvaux@fhi360.org) will not be there and are waiting to see if FHI will be represented there or not. Yolande, can you keep Rachel (FHI) posted if yes?? Rrenbarger@fhi360.org (FHI 360 will be attending, but not from the education sector)	Kas Miller (Kasondra@climateeducation.org) - ACE (acespace.org) was provided 1 pass. I can connected you all with the representative attending from ACE.
	Asante Africa is considering attending. We are not sure of the Education agenda as it intersects w/ COP29 this year.
Aaron Benavot will not be attending COP 29 but the MECCE (www.mecce.org) project will be updating and expanding its website with new and improved indicators of climate communication and education	Save the Children will have a team there and Education and climate is one of our priorities. Not 100% sure what events we will support or be in. It's a smaller team than usual as we have been allocated far fewer badges this year.
UNICEF has recently been supporting sending representatives from government line ministries to attend in some countries. I will not attend but will advocate for MoE/MoNRE to attend for Lao PDR. Always dependent on funding availability.	a.i.dunbrack@gmail.com

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How can we use COP to mobilize attention and action around our work?	
My wish is that the GREEN community be vocal about the poor financing to education, especially to action on the ground, whether it is climate action, climate education, local research. The funding is all going toward UN agencies or related agencies and not trickling down or even horizontally with non UN related actors.	Joint advocacy messages would be helpful with a clear call to action
Call for research that goes beyond emergency relief	

Events and Opportunities

List out recent or future events/opportunities you'd like the group to know about

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13 October: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction - lots of opportunity to engage in cross-sectoral advocacy around comprehensive school safety. There are also 4 Regional Platforms on Disaster Risk Reduction taking place throughout Oct/Nov where GADRRRES will be advocating for comprehensive school safety. Please get in touch!	Anja Nielsen, a.nielsen@savethechildren.org.uk
October 10th: International Day of the Girl virtual event on Climate, Adolescent girls and Private sector. Panelists include USAID, FCDO, ARC and TheirWorld; collaboration with Aga Khan Foundation, Partners of the Americas and FHI 360 Nepal. Please attend!let me know !	miller-grandvaux@fhi360.org
The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University will be launching their new working paper on water during a webinar on 2nd October (A Cascade of Impacts: A Discussion on the Many Ways Water Affects Early Childhood Health and Well-being) - Registration link can be found here .	Lauren Simmons, lsimmons@savechildren.org
The WB presented their report on climate and education last week. Check it out! https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/education/publication/education-for-climate-action	
UKFIET 2025 has been announced: 16-18 September 2025 in Oxford, UK. One subtheme is on Climate and environmental justice. While this information isn't on the website yet, it was shared in an email that was circulated last week.	Julee Allen, FHI 360 jallen@fhi360.org but go to the website for more info:

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The US Education team at FHI 360 is creating a few “voices from the field” about school districts’ efforts to incorporate climate change education district-wide. We will be finishing two profiles and an introductory blog to be published end of Sept. 2024.	rrenbarger@fhi360.org
Hechinger Report (US-focused) now has a new newsletter on education and climate change: https://hechingerreport.org/climate-change/	jallen@fhi360.org
USAID’s MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership is preparing to release a report on school health and nutrition (SHN) policy strengthening which has some (small) interesting findings related to climate change. Recommendations include improving policy to integrate more climate resilience (including DRR, DRM, disease surveillance, sustainable school meals etc) - could be one way to engage USAID’s Education sector on more climate funding...	jlong@savechildren.org
World Bank’s new climate and education report: https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/education/publication/education-for-climate-action	

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ACE is running a Teach for the Future campaign to combat mis/dis-information regarding climate change education. Those who sign the pledge will automatically be signed up receive free climate education resources by us and partners. Please amplify: https://go.acespace.org/page/154042/petition/1	Kasondra Miller, kasondra@climateeducation.org
GADRRRES has an advocacy briefing on comprehensive school safety - will be released imminently.	Anja Nielsen, a.nielsen@savethechildren.org.uk
The 'Climate Smart Education Systems Initiative' project funded by the GPE and delivered by UNESCO and Save the Children will be producing a number of resources for ministries of education and their partners to use to support the integration of climate change into education systems. A number are currently under development now and will begin to become available in 2025 once tested in countries. They will cover climate impacts on education systems, policy and planning, collection and using climate data, infrastructure, school disaster management and curriculum.	Nick.ireland@savethechildren.org.au

Things you have learned

What have you recently learned in the climate change and education space that you would like to share?

Contribution to share	Your name, email for people to follow up
At the country level young people are very eager to learn and participate in climate and environmental action. Lao PDR is currently/recently experiencing bad flooding and despite this happening regularly there is still very insufficient response mechanisms and coordination in place. OCHA should be there or there should be mechanism for support for smaller countries/disasters.	a.i.dunbrack@gmail.com

Who/what would you like to connect to?

Share who and with what work/research you would like to connect

Contribution to share	Your name, email for people to follow up

Gaps you have identified

What gaps do you have in your work or have you noticed in others' work?

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Donor processes are long and complicated. Projects tend to be 'boutique' without wider ability to scale or deliver meaningful results. There seems to be a lack of strategic visioning for where to prioritize and what actions need to be taken at the global level and for specific countries/regions that have strategic importance.	Drew Dunbrack a.i.dunbrack@gmail.com
Our D CEO is attending the UN GA this week. A huge gap for smaller organizations is knowing how to secure a BLUE BAD for events such as UNGA and COP29. Any mentoring on this subject could be very helpful for contributing and participating in critical conversations. -- Similarly how to be aware of Invitation only meetings that could be influential bot hways by having some of the GREEN orgs in those convos or on those panels.	Erna Grasz egrasz@asanteafrica.org Geoffrey Kassangaki gkasangaki@asanteafrica.org

Anything else to share?

Whatever might not have been captured in the previous slides

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Member update

Anna Seeger, UNESCO

Next meeting

- Member spotlight: Inge Vandevyere from VVOB
- Field updates

Next meeting

**Wednesday, November 20
(every other 3rd Wednesday
of every other month; 10 -
11 AM EDT)**

Webinar Series

Next webinar: **Learning from a Climate Justice Club Pilot**

Presenters: Fernanda Gandara & Abie Spangler from Room to Read

Date: Tuesday, October 8th @ 8AM EST

[Register Here](#)

Have a webinar idea to share? Submit it here!

[Webinar Form Submission](#)






We want to showcase you and reflect the diversity of our global members. Tell us about yourself and your interest in GREEN.



Fill out this member form- [Getting to know GREEN members \(google.com\)](#)


Share that you are a member of GREEN on LinkedIn!

Share this draft LinkedIn post:

 Delighted to announce my affiliation with an impactful initiative! 

I am pleased to share that I have recently become a member of the Global Response to Education and the Environment Network (GREEN). 

Since its inception in May 2023, GREEN has cultivated a collaborative environment, fostering dialogue, innovation, and research to inform policies and drive actionable solutions in response to climate-related issues impacting education worldwide.  

Climate education is more needed than ever. It is an honor to be a part of this diverse network of individuals and organizations, and I am eager to continue tackling education-related climate issues with a wide array of experts from around the global. Let's continue to work together to create a more sustainable future for all!  #GREEN #ClimateAction #EducationForAll #Sustainability

If you would like to join us or learn more about our organization, sign up for our mailing list below!

<https://www.connecttogreen.org/become-a-member/>

See you next time!

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