

## TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION: TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

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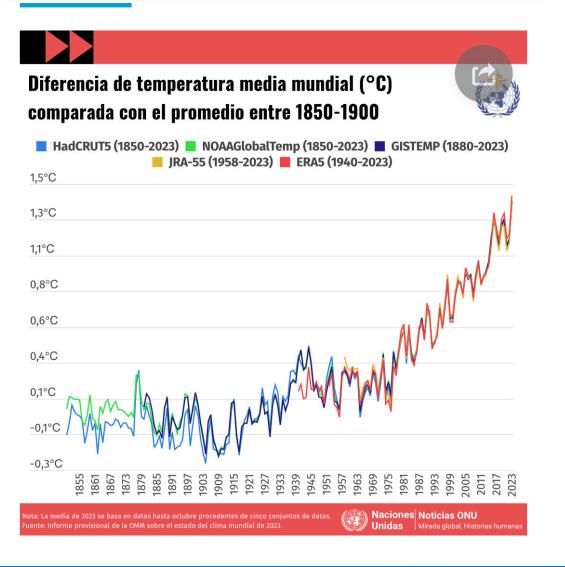


The way we live today is not sustainable.

Urgent change is needed, but lasting change is impossible without education.



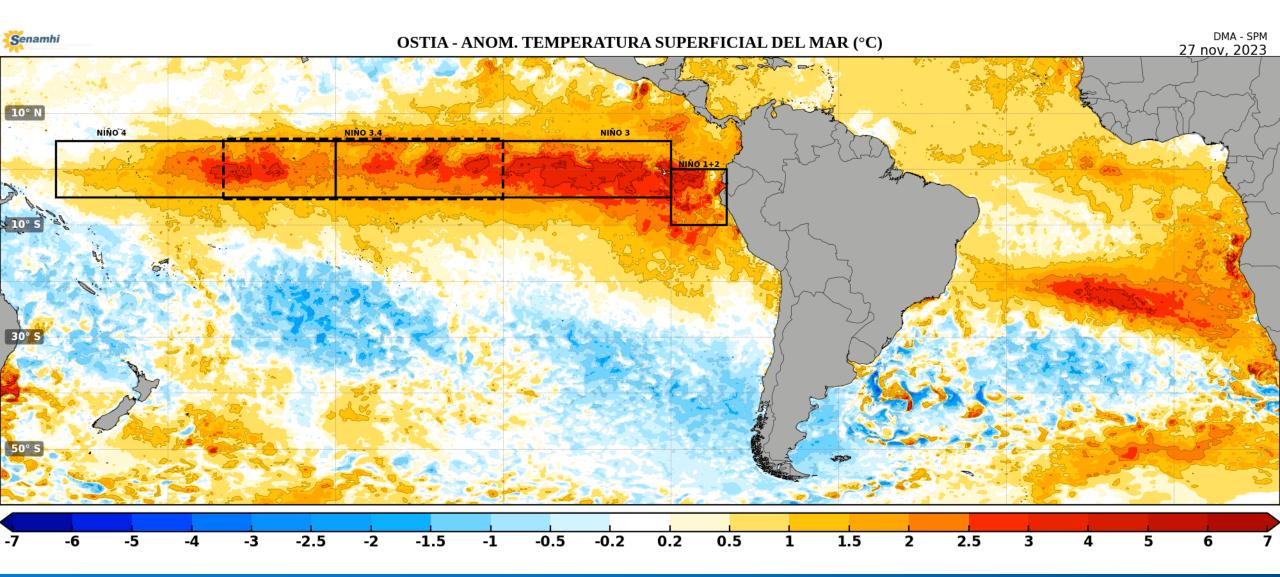
### WE ARE PAYING WITH THE LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS OF OUR PEOPLE







## EL NIÑO AND ITS IMPACT ON THE SOUTHERN CONE





We have 6 years left before exhausting the planet's capabilities to deal with our emissions before we exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius.

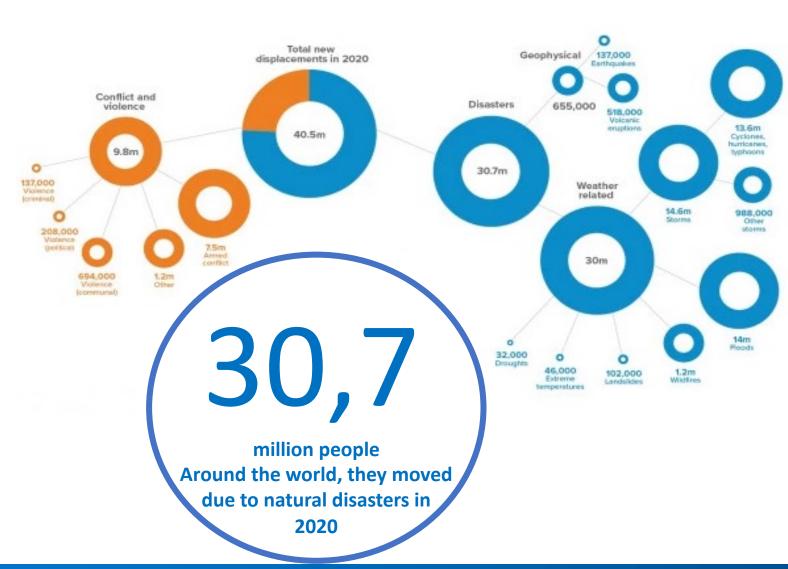






### CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION







## **Key figures**

47%

of national curriculum frameworks of 100 countries

made no reference to climate change

40% of teachers

are confident teaching cognitive dimensions

of climate change but only 20% can explain well how to take action All 2,800

education and environment stakeholders

from 161 countries adopted the Berlin Declaration on ESD 50

pilot countries

are preparing their country initiative on ESD for 2030

## #ESDfor2030

There is general agreement that sustainability citizens should have certain key competencies that enable them to engage constructively and responsibly with today's world. ESD can develop cross-cutting key competencies for sustainability that are relevant to all SDGs" (UNESCO, 2017)

**Educación para** 

el Desarrollo

Sostenible

Hoja de ruta



# 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



## Target 12.8

RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

By 2030, ensure that people around the world have the information and awareness needed for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature.





Education for
Sustainable
Development aims to
raise knowledge,
awareness and action
in order to achieve 3
domains...





### TEACHERS AS ENGINES OF CHANGE

## Societal transformation:

Enable the achievement of the SDGs towards building a more sustainable world

## Pedagogy and learning environment:

Employ interactive, projectbased, learner-centred pedagogy. Transform all aspects of learning environment through a wholeinstitution approach to ESD to enable learners to live what they learn and learn what they live

#### Learning outcomes:

Empower people to take responsibility for present and future generations and actively contribute to societal transformation

#### **Learning content:**

Integrate sustainability issues, in particular those enshrined in the 17 SDGs such as climate change, into all kinds of learning

The General Assembly reaffirms education for sustainable development as an integral element of the Sustainable Development Goal on quality education and a key enabler of all the other Sustainable Development Goals.

UN General Assembly Resolution 72/222 (2017)



## Join the Alliance for Green Education



- The Green Education Partnership was launched at the United Nations Transforming Education Summit as a global initiative for strong, coordinated and comprehensive action.
- It supports countries to accelerate the transformation of education by integrating climate change education.
- It represents an open and inclusive community of practice, currently including more than 1,200 organisations and 86 Member States.



#### EDUCATION SYSTEMS URGENTLY NEED TO ADAPT









#### DECLARATION ON THE COMMON AGENDA FOR EDUCATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT COP28



Building on the achievements at COP26 and COP27, we, as committed member states, adopt this declaration on the common agenda for education and climate change in advance of/at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in December 2023.

- Recognising that the climate crisis disproportionately impacts children, especially girls and
  marginalized groups, and weather-related disasters are already causing mass disruption to
  learning, education systems must urgently adapt to ensure children and young people can survive
  and thrive in our changing world.
- Emphasising that Education for Sustainable Development as part of SDG 4 on quality education
  from early childhood to lifelong learning provides the knowledge and skills required for a changing
  world and plays an essential role to powering the shift at scale to more sustainable, equitable, just,
  and climate-resilient societies, as highlighted in the Berlin Declaration on Education for Sustainable
  Development, we must maximize the co-benefits of efforts to achieve inclusive quality education
  for all and advance environmental sustainability.
- Recalling Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Article 12
  of the Paris Agreement, we call upon countries to enhance climate change education to support
  transitions to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies and societies.
- Acknowledging the concerning funding gap in climate education and emergency preparedness
  planning compromising the ability to develop adequate education strategies to tackle the climate
  emergency, we welcome existing efforts of international education funds and climate education
  mechanisms including multilateral development banks, the Global Partnership for Education,
  Education Cannot Wait, and the UN-Multi Partner Trust Fund for the Greening Education
  Partnership in supporting sustainable education systems and getting every learner climate ready.
- Recognising the focus on education, youth, and skills at COP28 and future COPs, we mobilize
  opportunities to redress the above issues by driving cohesion, deepening collaboration, and
  securing tangible commitments on education as a tool to mitigate the climate crisis on a global
  scale.

To further global efforts to build climate-smart education systems through the four pillars of action of the Greening Education Partnership (Greening schools, Greening curriculum, Greening teacher training and education system's capacities, and Greening communities), we commit to targeted actions to adapt,

### WHAT WE SHOULD DO



Considering ESD as building blocks of quality education

Integrate ESD across the curriculum

Provide training to teachers on ESD and transformative pedagogies and quality and relevant teaching and learning materials

Supporting faculty leadership and professional autonomy

Ensure the active participation of learners in determining ESD policies and practices

Fostering partnerships with academic institutions for ESD

Ensure that adequate investments are made to support teachers in teaching ESD







**ESD BOOTCAMP Application Form Next Call - October 2024** 

Deadline to participate English cohort: Friday, September 20,2024. 17.00 (GMT)

**ESD BOOTCAMP Application Form Next Call - July 2024** 

Deadline to participate Spanish cohort: Friday, July 12, 2024. 17.00 (GMT)

## Gracias

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