



Global overview of progress in climate change education and the Greening Education Partnership

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- ❑ The Greening Education Partnership(GEP): rooted in **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**, focusing on education's role in tackling **climate change**
- ❑ Equips learners with the **knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes** to take **transformative action** to shape green, low emission and climate-resilient societies



2022-2026

Members

98 countries and states
+2000 stakeholders

Advisory Group

Representatives of 15 organizations (Member States, IGOs, youth, civil society, foundations)

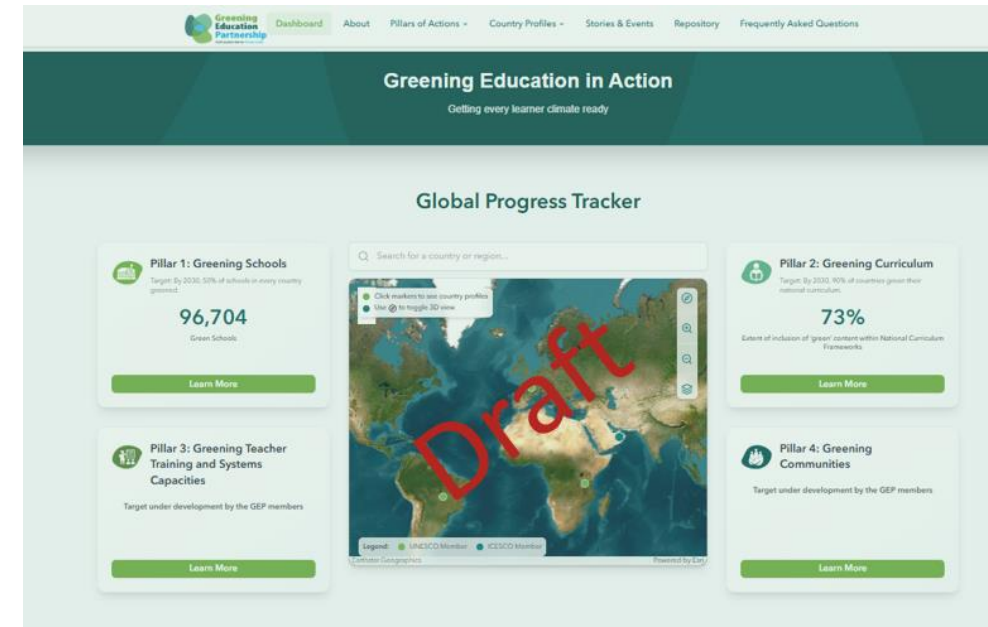
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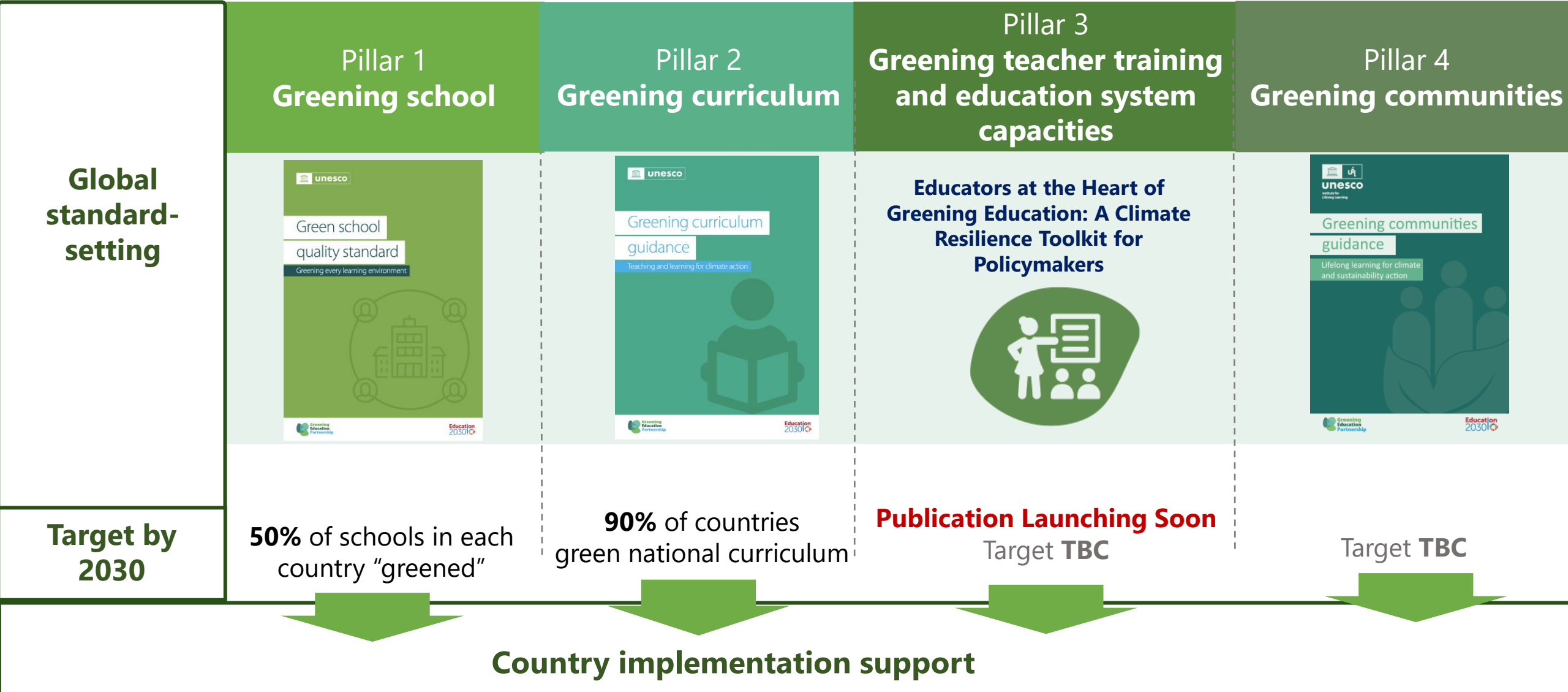
Global Progress Tracker – GEP Dashboard

- ✓ **Track global progress:** Monitor global progress towards GEP's four pillars of action
- ✓ **Impact stories:** Best practices, reports from partners and countries, including links and external data
- ✓ **Country level insights:** Narratives provided by countries of actions being undertaken
- ✓ **Get involved:** Ways to contribute and engage with the GEP



The GEP Dashboard was made in collaboration between UNESCO in its capacity as the Greening Education Partnership Secretariat and ICESCO in its capacity as a member of the Greening Education Partnership.

Setting global standards and monitoring progress



COP30 outcomes for GEP

- High-level ministerial roundtable on greening education
 - Reaffirmed the vital role of education in climate action
 - Highlighted the vital role of teachers and education personnel
 - Emphasized the need for inter-ministerial cooperation and investment in both infrastructure and human capital
- 3rd Annual Meeting of the GEP: Accelerating Action on Greening Education

COP31 outlook

- Continuous advocacy efforts towards anchoring education in climate discussions and action, fostering inter-ministerial collaboration in particular
- Meaningful inclusion of education in negotiation processes across different areas of climate action, including mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage
- Engagement of youth

Direct support: Training of Trainers (ToT)



ESD Regional
Capacity
Building
Webinars

Development of training materials (2025)

Based on the Greening Curriculum Guidance and the Green School Quality Standard

Development of learning platform (2026)

Testing and piloting

Delivery of training

Launching second half of 2026

Direct support: Climate Smart Education Systems initiative

GPE-funded partnership between **UNESCO, UNESCO IIEP** and **Save the Children** (2024-2026)

- To enhance countries' capacities to mainstream **climate change adaptation** and **environmental sustainability** into education sector plans, budgets and strategies, including enhancing ministerial capacity for **cross-sectoral coordination** between **Education** and **Environment/Climate** authorities



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7 Curricula, Pedagogy & Teacher Training

- Providing technical assistance to **35 climate-vulnerable countries**
- Reviewing **national curricula** to assess and strengthen the **integration of climate change** and sustainability topics and learning outcomes
- Developing **Teaching and Learning Materials** to support **climate-smart** and sustainability-focused learning
- Strengthening **teacher education programmes** to integrate climate change and **delivering training** for curriculum planners, teachers and teacher trainers on **climate-smart pedagogy**

5 Safer and greener infrastructure

- Implementing the GSQS in Zimbabwe and Malawi

GEP ENGAGEMENT: JOIN OUR GLOBAL MOVEMENT!



INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS



- **Access exclusive collaboration spaces**, including the GEP Membership Workspace and official “Member of GEP” branding.
- **Participate in global meetings and events**, such as quarterly working groups, webinars, and COP gatherings.
- **Stay informed and visible** through newsletters, updates, and opportunities to share your work with the community.



SCHOOLS – ACCREDITATION SCHEMES

Become a Green School
through ASPnet Schools
or your national
accreditation scheme

- **A green school**, aligned with the UNESCO-led Greening Education Partnership, integrates sustainability into governance, operations, teaching, and community engagement.
- **Join a network +90,000 schools worldwide** that have already aligned with the GSQS, showing strong global commitment to climate-ready education.
- **Join the goal of greening 50% of the world’s schools by 2030** creating healthier learning environments and empowering students with future-ready skills

GOVERNMENTS

Express your interest by
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- **Governments play a key role** in advancing sustainable education through the Greening Education Partnership, driving systemic change at national and regional levels.
- **Act across GEP’s four priority areas:** greening schools, greening curriculum, greening teacher training and systems’ capacities, and greening communities.
- By embedding climate education into policies, standards, and teacher development, states **strengthen education systems to be climate-ready and future-focused.**



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Education for sustainable development: A roadmap

Available in 12 languages

Berlin Declaration on Education for Sustainable Development; Learn for our planet: Act for sustainability

Greening curriculum guidance: Teaching and learning for climate action

Also available in Arabic, Portuguese and Spanish

Green school quality standard: Greening every learning environment

Also available in Arabic, French, Portuguese and Spanish

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Bridging the green and digital transitions through education

Think piece by Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education
Available in English, French and Spanish

Learn for our planet: A global review of how environmental issues are integrated in education

Also available in French and Spanish

Education for Sustainable Development Goals: Learning Objectives

Available in 8 languages

Climate change and sustainability in science and social science secondary school curricula

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