INTRODUCING
the
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Sharing ideas that create a more just and sustainable future through the power of environmental education

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2016 Annual Meeting of Japan Society of Environmental Education
August 5-7, Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan
Existing EE Organisations at the Global Level

- World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC)
- Foundation of Environmental Education (FEE)

AND NOW........the GeEP

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
Background

- **2014 >>>>** Delegates from several countries came together to discuss each country’s needs for achieving their environmental protection goals and addressing those pressing environmental topics (> 25) that were listed.

- **2015 >>>>** GEEP delegates met to establish the purpose/mission of the GEEP, as well as goals and objectives, through a series of in-person meetings that were informed by surveys, research, and interviews.

- Meetings have been held bi-annually since GEEP’s inception.

- NAAEE was named the secretariat of the GEEP.
Introduction

- Urgent call (against the backdrop of the SDGs) to help leaders more effectively use EE as a strategy to improve the environment by sharing tools and resources, and by building a vibrant learning network, etc.

- The Global Environmental Education Partnership (or GEEP), is a brainchild of leaders from the EPA Taiwan, US EPA, and the NAAEE who came together with a shared belief in the importance of effective EE in addressing environmental issues globally, as well as the need to better share best practices and resources on a large scale.
Vision

- A **global network and platform** to share best practice and improve the quality and quantity of EE around the world
Mission

To provide a vibrant learning network designed to build capacity in member countries to strengthen and institutionalize environmental education, focusing on policy, professional development, evaluation, and best practices.
Goals

- Build capacity to advance global policy and practice in environmental education

- Foster strategic partnerships to create a “network of networks” resulting in a stronger global environmental education community

- Promote Innovation through a Global EE Think Tank
Governance

- **Leadership Team:** The Leadership Team has fiduciary and final decision-making authority for the GEEP.
  - U.S. EPA (two; one representative serves as Co-Chair);
  - EPA Taiwan (two; one representative serves as Co-Chair);
  - NAAEE (two representatives)

- **Secretariat:** The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) (USA) serves as the Secretariat for the GEEP.

- **Advisory Group:** The Advisory Group provides direction for the GEEP leadership team on matters related to its management and operation. >> 11 members
(Draft) Membership

- **Practitioner membership:** Open to all practitioners who want to have access to a robust network and database of EE resources.

- **Country-level membership:** Open to GEEP members representing the interests of their countries, and have access to national networks and the ability to create change at the national level.

  Country members are expected to submit a country profile, analyze the status of EE in their country, and take part in learning options annually.
General Criteria for Membership: People or organizations

- Represent the interests of their country, whether individually or at the organizational level, as they relate to EE
- Have an interest in supporting the vision and mission of the GEEP by sharing best practices, resources, ideas, and opportunities
- Have a commitment to collaborate with other GEEP members on issues related to sharing best practices and resources, and policy initiatives that support EE

General Responsibilities:
- Supporting and promoting the mission of the GEEP
- Sharing resources, best practices, ideas, and opportunities from your country and region
- Helping to recruit new members to the GEEP
- Contributing to GEEP content (newsletters, updates, case studies, etc.) as needed to share information and perspectives from your country
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THE QUOTE STREAM

“A society is defined not only by what it creates, but by what it refuses to destroy.”

-John Sawhill
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**COUNTRY PROFILES**

The Global Environmental Education Partnership (GEEP) is proud to showcase environmental education initiatives in countries around the world. If you are interested in learning more about how to feature your country on our interactive map, please contact us at info@thegEEP.org.

18 countries and counting

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Launched Two Websites:
thegeep.org
naaee.org/eePRO
Goals

- Build a network (virtually)
- Become a one-stop shop for EE best practice and resources
- Make good use of technology
- Use existing resources (don’t reinvent the wheel)
- Separate spaces for different conversations and levels of engagement
NAAEE’s eePRO

• Launched in January, 2016
• Designed to be a central housing point for ee resources and to promote networking
• Robust platform; years in the making
• Thanks to U.S. EPA for supporting this amazing opportunity
A Few Members of the Advisory Group of the GEEP
Launch Events

GEEP also launched at WEEC 2015 in Gothenburg, Sweden

In UNEP- Nairobi

GEEP launched at 45th NAAEE Meeting (2016) in Madison, WI USA

In Bristol
MEETING in Bristol, England

You’re Invited ...
Two Events in Nairobi

1. UNEA2 Conference Greenroom Event
2. Launch Event at the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies

Wangari Institute and University of Nairobi
GREEN ROOM EVENT AT UNEA2
Invited to present at the Centre for Environmental Education in Ahmedabad

To launch the GEEP at their international conference on Children and Nature with more than 70 countries participating
Upcoming Events

GEEP Advisory Group Meeting in October at NAAEE

NAAEE Annual International Conference

Madison, Wisconsin October 18-22
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