Rethinking Climate Education

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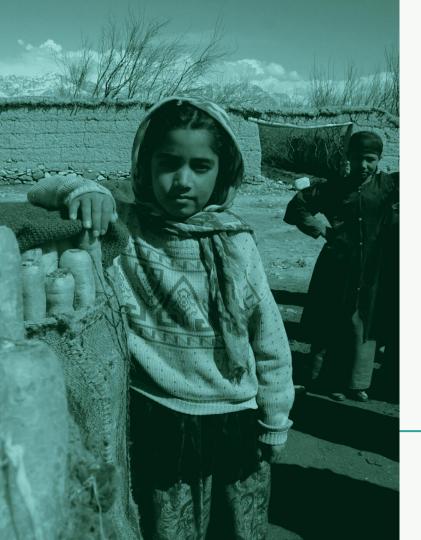




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Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development

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Impacts to children

Climate change presents an international challenge of a magnitude that we have not previously encountered.

Children are one of the most vulnerable groups severely affected by the effects of climate change.

It is necessary to safeguard the interests of future generations.

A child-centred approach

Group I

Focus on the needs of children as recipients or beneficiaries.

Group II

Involve children in the design and delivery through active engagement.

CCE in climate agendas

What has been discussed about Climate change education?

The concept of "education for sustainable development" was shaped in the resulting Agenda 21 of the Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992

UN Framework Convention on Climate Change acknowledged this importance in 1996 via the inclusion of Article 6 on Climate Change Education, training and public awareness

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005 - 2014)

UNESCO adopted and launched the Global Action Program on Education for Sustainable Development in 2014, including CCE as a key component of the global response to climate change



Education is as important as health: a well-educated population is better equipped to recognise in advance the threats posed by a changing climate and to make preparations. This is one of many areas where ordinary development aid, properly directed, can potentially achieve multiple objectives at once, serving classic development and human rights aims while at the same time contributing to societies' long-term ability to adapt to climate change.

International Council on Human Rights Policy, 2008.



WHAT IS THE LESSON?



Teachers do not need to be an expert

These are some variables that make climate change challenging to conceptualise and difficult to recognise from personal experience.



Climate change is not just a scientific phenomenon

Climate change is a complex socio-scientific issue that requires more than teaching content



Support students to engage in the problem

Lessons should not just stop at giving information but encouraging students to give opinions and participate



