



Blending the Sustainability Melting Pot The Imperative Path Forward

Students' Workshops

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Dear Partners, Members, Readers and Well-wishers

Welcome to the September edition of our monthly newsletters! "The era of global warming has ended and global boiling has begun", as rightly stated by António Guterres, the UN Secretary General. The World Meteorological Organisation and the European Commission's Copernicus Climate Change Service confirmed July 2023 to be the hottest month ever recorded in human history. Many weather stations across Australia have recently recorded the hottest winters, breaking records from more than 140 years ago!

We are lost on time, lost on action and more importantly motivation. Humans have neglected the call to climate action for far too long and now we have the blood of the planet on our hands. There is no one responsible for our actions but us! Which is why EEG has been at the forefront of environmental activities and we have accelerated our actions to align with our goals? In this newsletter, I share with you a rundown of our concerted efforts to rise above the climate crisis by engaging in multiple climate forward meetings, conferences, discussions and campaigns during the month of August. As we began the month, EEG signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pakistan Association in Dubai (PAD) on 8th August, to strengthen the relationship and unite under shared interest to preserve our environment.

In preparations for Emirati Women's Day, I sat in an interview with Al Ittihad Newspaper on 14th August, to shed light on the role of women in promoting environmental awareness for the sustainability of natural resources. On 15th August, I attended a dialogue session as part of Ministry of Community Development's COP28 programme to empower senior citizens to lead an eco-friendly lifestyle. To accelerate our national efforts to effectively implement the National Biodiversity Strategy 2030, we attended the 2nd a three-day workshop on 'National Biodiversity Strategy' from 22nd - 24th August. Side by side, EEG virtually attended on August 22nd the GISD Outreach and Engagement Working Group Meeting to review the upcoming agenda and scale up financing for SDGs. I further attended on 22nd August, the WGBC Board Induction Meeting where we welcomed all the new and renewed members of the council and discussed the future plan of action.

On 23rd August, we conducted the 3rd panel discussion of the year under the theme "Decreasing Wildlife Population, Increasing Human Population: Balancing the Natural Biodiversity", at Holiday Inn Suites, Dubai Science Park, in hybrid format. In celebration of Emirati Women's Day, I joined as a speaker; a panel discussion under the theme "Women's Achievements and Efforts in Achieving the Sustainability of the Environmental Model for Future Generations", at the Khalifa Educational Awards, on 24th August.

Emirati Women Day the 28th of August, was a busy day for me, I started my morning with a visit to the McDonald's UAE an active Associate Member of EEG to celebrate the day with them. In continuation of the celebrations, I also attended in the afternoon an inspiring panel discussion to honour inspiring UAE women of the nation. And on the evening of the same day I joined Fujairah TV for a virtual interview to talk about

our achievements and contributions to the sustainability movement in the country and the role that the Emirati women have played. On 29th August, I moderated a session that we co-organised with our active corporate member FARNEK under the theme, "Net Zero Transformation: Empowering Corporates for Climate Leadership". Examining the evolution of restoration efforts in the UAE, I was happy to join a panel discussion organised by the Year of Sustainability Team and hosted by Dendra Systems with TAQA Youth Council at the Arab Youth Center in Abu Dhabi, on 31st August a befitting way to conclude the month.

Targeting another very crucial sustainability issue is the food waste; on that front I attended on 31st August the 1st session on the United Nations Environment Programme West Asia's Food Waste Working Group: Action to deliver on SDG 12.3! As part of our constant endeavors to disseminate sustainable living practices within the communities, EEG continued to engage its members and volunteer's in its educational and pro-climate programmes to expedite environmental action.

The "Neighborhood Recycling Project (NRP)," was rolled out on 1st June to engage the student community in recycling activities. The competition is getting fiercer and our targets are being met! So get recycling, we only have till 30th September. The highly anticipated "One Root, One Communi-tree" project that will conclude on 23rd November is continuing to unite all sectors of the society under recycling programmes in efforts to safeguard natural resources for future generations. All participants meeting their targets in the aforementioned action programmes (OROC & NRP) will be eligible to plant native tree(s) under their names as part of our annual plantation drive, "For Our Emirates We Plant." I would like to conclude by sharing with you all some of our upcoming programmes that I hope you will not miss!

Stay tuned for the 23rd cycle of our annual student's workshop set to take place from 23rd to 25th October, under the theme 'Blending the Sustainability Melting Pot: The Imperative Path Forward'. The workshop aims to impart valuable knowledge to the students and familiarise them with sustainable practices within and beyond school grounds. We have the Can Collection Drive set to take place on 5th November and I look forward to your active participation as you have all accustomed us. With the goal to guide our future leaders towards their social and moral responsibility to protect our planet, EEG conducts annually its annual Inter-College Environmental Public Speaking Competition (ICEPSC), to engage the youth in pressing climate matters. In preparation for COP 28 EEG will conduct the 23rd cycle of ICEPSC from 20th to 23rd November, and unite students globally under shared goals to relieve our planet from its heat blanket. We will of-course conclude the year with two of our most popular annual programmes; the "Clean UAE" and the "For our Emirates We Plant".

With that I conclude my updates for the month of August. Be sure to stay connected and participate in our upcoming programmes. It is truly heartwarming to witness such remarkable engagements. Your contributions light the way to a road full of possibilities. We can work together to make a better environment. Thank you! Have a spectacular September!



15th
August

Ministry of Community Development Dialogue Session

EEG Co-Founder and Chairperson, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi a member of the Sustainability Experts Network that was formed in the UAE on the occasion of the Year of Sustainability, was invited to speak at a dialogue session at the Bee'ah HQ in Sharjah on the morning of 15th August as part of MOCD's COP28 programme. These sessions' work towards empowering senior citizens, the people of determination and youth with the skills and knowledge to adopt eco-friendly practices in order to lead sustainable lifestyles. The sessions also act as a bridge between the youth and senior citizens to foster meaningful exchanges of Emirati values and beliefs in line with the sustainability of the nation and the Year of Sustainability.

22nd - 24th
August

MOCCAE's National Biodiversity Strategy Workshop

EEG attended the 2nd session of the 3-day 'National Biodiversity Strategy Workshop', hosted by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE) in Dubai on 22nd, 23rd & 24th August.

The workshop was held in continuation to the 1st session in May, which brought together ministry officials, municipalities and academia to review the Global Biodiversity Framework and accelerate our national efforts to effectively implement the National Biodiversity Strategy 2030.

During the workshop, the attendees were divided into working groups tasked with evaluating the action plan, targets and objectives of the strategy, to allow for a well-developed framework that institutions can use to align their local, regional and international agendas with the National Biodiversity Strategy 2030, and aid the nation in preserving the biodiversity of the UAE.

22nd
August

GISD Alliance Outreach & Engagement Working Group Meeting

As the world faces turbulent times and we are on the brink of global boiling as per the statement of the UN SG, EEG Chairperson and GISD Alliance member attended virtually on August 22nd the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance Outreach and Engagement Working Group Meeting to review the agenda on the upcoming events, revisit the action items for the upcoming international sustainability conventions and a completed run-down of COP28. The GISD Alliance convenes stakeholders to reflect on their response and recovery framework that effects the socio-economic health of a nation and push them to scale up financing for SDGs; a pivotal step needed to revive the nations sustainable and economic development.

22nd
August

EEG Chairperson Attends WGBC Board Induction

EEG Co-Founder and Chairperson, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi, Director in the Board of World Green Building Council, attended virtually on 22nd August, the WGBC Board Induction Meeting held in continuation to the the Annual General Meeting of the Members (AGM) on 14th June 2023. The meeting welcomed all the new and renewed members of the council. It further discussed the upcoming plan of action and shared the updates on the year-end financial summary & audit reports, along with the deliverables on the WGBC strategy plans and 2023 action plan.

23rd
August

3rd Panel Discussion

Under the theme "Decreasing Wildlife Population, Increasing Human Population: Balancing the Natural Biodiversity", EEG conducted its 3rd panel discussion on 23rd August, at Holiday Inn Suites, Dubai Science Park, from 10am - 12:30 noon in hybrid format.

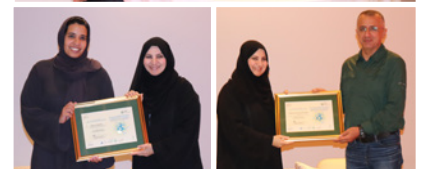
The panel was conducted in association with the Arabia CSR Network and supported by the Emirates Green Building Council, the Clean Energy Business Council and the Swiss Business Council.

As the population is rising and posing a threat to wildlife and the environment, the panel discussion touched upon the pertinent issue of preserving our biodiversity.

With the help of our expert line of speakers, the discussion brought together different aspects that affect the health of our planet and urged the need to put forth cutting-edge solutions to tackle worsening conditions.

EEG welcomed 5 distinguished speakers to share knowledge with the attendees on the alarming rates of decreasing wildlife and dwindling biodiversity. We were delighted to have with us-

- **Mr. Andreas Feil**, First Secretary for Climate, Energy and Environment Policy, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Mrs. Maitha Abdulla Al Mheiri**, Biologist at Ministry of Climate Change & Environment
- **Dr. Amol Patwardhan**, Assistant Professor at K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce
- **Mrs. Maitha Al Hameli**, Section Head at Marine Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation, Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity
- **Mr. Mohammed Yousef Al Faqeer**, Acting General Curator at Al Ain Zoo.



They stressed on vital points of how the wildlife will adapt to our fast changing eco-systems if the humans have yet not been able to adjust.

This led to the understanding of how to negate the phenomena of decreasing wildlife by protecting them and maintaining a sustainable population size.

The panel discussion also addressed several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG #1, #2, #4, #6, #11, #12, #14, #15 and #17. EEG extends its heartfelt gratitude to Labotel for coming on board as the main sponsor for this event. Their contribution was greatly valued, EEG also thanks Holiday Inn & Suites, Dubai Science Park for hosting us.



24th August *EEG Chairperson Speaks at the Khalifa Educational Award*

In celebration of Emirati Women's Day, EEG Co-Founder & Chairperson, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi, joined a panel discussion under the theme "Women's Achievements and Efforts in Achieving the Sustainability of the Environmental Model for Future Generations", at the Khalifa Educational Awards on 24th August. Held at the St. Regis hotel - Corniche, Abu Dhabi, EEG Chairperson was delighted to share with the attendees her journey on the path to sustainability which entailed a variety of obstacles and achievements that have today positively contributed to the advancement of the UAE society in adopting eco-friendly practices through participating in EEG programmes and campaigns. She further lauded the significant contributions of Emirati women in paving the road for a sustainable environment for the future generations.



28th August *Celebrating UAE National Women's Day with McDonald's*

On the special occasion of Emirati Women's Day on August 28th, EEG Co-Founder & Chairperson, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi, shared with the audience at McDonald's HQ; the role and impact of leading influential Emirati Women in shaping the environmental scene in the UAE and illuminating the path of sustainable development. EEG Chairperson was honoured to be a part of such a joyous occasion and be able to represent the strength and resilience women have demonstrated through the years.



28th August *EEG attends Panel Discussion to Celebrate Emirati Women's Day*

EEG Chairperson and Co-Founder, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi and EEG Executive Committee Member Ms. Sara Baqer attended an inspiring Panel Discussion to celebrate Emirati Women's Day, hosted by Luxury by Lara and Shangri La Dubai, at their Al Bader Ballroom, which witnessed the attendance of leading female figures who came together to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of influential Emirati women who are shaping the future and igniting the sustainable transformation across the world.

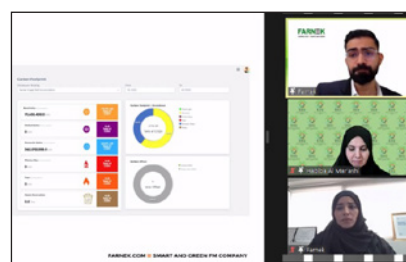


28th August *Media Engagements*

On the occasion of Emirati Women's Day the 28th of August, EEG Co-Founder and Chairperson, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi, sat in several interviews with Al Ittihad Newspaper, Gulf News, Fujairah TV and Al Hurrah TV wherein she shed light on the role of women in promoting environmental awareness for the sustainability of natural resources and ensuring a just and sustainable development. Having devoted more than 30 years for this cause, she was delighted to share her journey as an Emirati woman committed to advancing community action and paving the way for sustainable growth.

29th August *Co-organising Net-Zero Webinar with Farnek*

EEG in partnership with its active corporate member FARNEK, continue to forge ahead towards the path of sustainable development; EEG Chairperson and Co-Founder, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar'ashi, chaired a webinar session under the theme, "Net Zero Transformation: Empowering Corporates for Climate Leadership", on August 29th. The webinar brought in 2 sustainability experts from Farnek to share their insights on how institutions can assess their carbon footprint, develop carbon reduction strategies and achieve carbon neutrality. EEG Chairperson also shed light on Carbon-Tek; a carbon assessing tool developed by FARNEK to ease corporates into analysing their carbon footprint. She urged and advised all to visit EEG's website to access the user-friendly tool and start the journey to contribute to advancing the nations sustainable development.



31st
August

EEG joins “the Evolution of Restoration in the UAE”

EEG Chairperson and Co-Founder, Mrs. Habiba Al Mar’ashi, joined as a panel to discuss “The evolution of restoration in the UAE; discussion on Sheikh Zayed’s vision and how it progressed” hosted by Dendra Systems with TAQA Youth Council at the Arab Youth Center, on 31st August as part of the year of sustainability programme.

The discussion laid out a fair focus on the importance of mangroves plantation in the UAE as a means to restore, our economy, our natural environment and protect biodiversity. Research shows that mangroves store up to 4 times more carbon than tropical forests, they are key in sequestering carbon and restoring biodiversity systems.

EEG Chairperson, along with other distinguished panelists shed light on the evolution of restoration in the UAE from the nation’s pre-oil discovery to existing restoration practices and lastly onto advanced means of sustaining our environment.

31st
August

UNEP West Asia Food Waste Working Group Session

To tackle the growing issue around food waste caused due to unsustainable consumption and production patterns, EEG team led by the Chairperson attended on 31st August, the 2nd edition of the United Nations Environment Programme’s West Asia’s Food Waste Working Group: Action to deliver SDG 12.3!

This was the 1st workshop on “Consumer Behavioural Change towards Reducing Food Waste”, which focused on highlighting food waste reduction strategies and interventions to make a real difference at home and in the food service sector; while learning how to fund and put these changes into action.

The workshop featured the achievements of UNEP’s Ramadan Campaign in 2023 under the Recipe of Change and the success story of the collaboration of Hilton Hotels and Winnow.

The workshop provided interpretations in both English and Arabic which engaged a wider audience and secured successful reach to all. The initiative to expand the West Asia Food Waste Working Group in alignment with SDG 12.3 showcased a strong commitment in delivering the best results on the pressing challenge, which has motivated action to double efforts towards combatting food waste.

The working group was organised with support of the GO4SDGs initiative; it included a wide range of stakeholders, from public, private, academic and associative sectors who focused collectively on strategies to halve the food waste by 2030 and push for a more sustainable future.

Neighbourhood Recycling Project

EEG rolled out its annual “Neighbourhood Recycling Project” (NRP) on 1st June with the objective of engaging students to take part in sustainable activities during their summer break. The project will conclude on 30th September.

The campaign focuses on an all-round development of the students by educating them about environmental sustainability while building on their communication, creative as well as leadership skills.

The students also get the opportunity to broaden the reach of environmental awareness by collaborating directly with the community.


In addition to the usual recyclable materials including Paper, Plastic, E-waste, Aluminium Cans, Mobile Phones and Toner Cartridges, EEG introduced the collection of Glass Bottles this year. In addition to effective waste management, NRP also promotes afforestation by awarding trees to be planted under their names to students that meet their collection targets.

Until now, the project has gathered the following collections from student participants:



With only one month remaining for the NRP to wrap up, we appeal to all our student members and the entire student community in the UAE to gear up, get on board and join in the action of constructing a sustainable world.

Register at: [CLICK HERE](#)





Recycling begins at
HCME

Join The
Neighbourhood
Recycling
Project 2023
1st June to 30th September

Collect one or all of the below recyclable materials as per the respective amounts.

EEG Student Members		Non Members	
Paper	kg 350	Paper	kg 550
E-waste	kg 350	E-waste	kg 550
Glass	kg 25	Glass	kg 150
Plastic	kg 30	Plastic	kg 55
Aluminium Cans	kg 25	Aluminium Cans	kg 45
Mobile Phones (any brand)	pieces 25	Mobile Phones (any brand)	pieces 50
Toner	pieces 35	Toner	pieces 55

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One Root, One Communi-Tree (Phase 2)

After a successful run of the Phase 1 of the “One Root, One Communi-tree” in the 1st half of the year, EEG introduced Phase 2 of the project which got going from **23rd July** and will run until **23rd November**. The project’s prime focus is to engage the community by involving individuals, families, students, schools, hotels and public & private sector companies to collaborate and create a positive impact on the environment.

The recyclable materials collected under the project are: Paper, Plastic, Aluminium Cans, Mobile phones, Glass bottles, Toner cartridges and E-waste. EEG believes that collaboration is key for environmental conservation to maximise impact and safeguard the planet for future generations. Participants that achieve their collection targets earn native trees to be planted under their names during the “For our Emirates, we plant” programme.

OROC Phase 2 has seen the collection of the following materials since its rolling in July:



The campaign will remain open till **23rd November**. EEG urges one and all to be a part of the campaign and create a green future, one recyclable at a time.

To register: [CLICK HERE](#)



Educational News

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

EEG’s newly adopted Renew Our World Student Water Innovation Challenge has culminated at the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) event, held in Stockholm, Sweden. SJWP is an international competition conducted by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). This year, the institute received students from over 30 countries to participate and compete in this coveted competition. The senior student winner of the UAE Innovation Challenge, Ms. Sinchana Hiremath was invited to Sweden, where she presented her innovative idea to an international panel of judges. She and winners from the 30 countries were hosted in Sweden from **August 19 - 23**. In addition to the competition, the student winners from all the countries had the privilege of exploring the city through a guided city walk, listening to an inspirational speech by Donnie SC Lygonis, an innovation strategist and business coach, playing games with other participants, visiting the Xylem facility (a global water technology provider), meeting and greeting H.R.H. Princess Victoria with a photo opportunity and attending the SWP Laureate Symposium. After two days of intense competition, the event concluded on **August 23** at a formal award ceremony, which was held in the presence of the King and Queen of Sweden.



While Sinchana competed with great compassion and produced innovative research and solutions, the student from the United States of America took home the trophy and the US\$15,000 award prize. EEG is very proud of Sinchana and all her efforts. We are sure this experience will motivate her to climb higher and become an innovative, productive and environmentally conscious citizen of this world. Registration for the 4th cycle of the SJWP will open in November 2023. Students, do you have what it takes to critically research, innovate, and compete in this global competition? Save the date, **23.11.23** and register for this challenge.

EEG Student Member Publishes ‘FOR OUR PLANET’ In Line with Year of Sustainability

We are thrilled to share with everyone, a recent publication by our talented student member and SDG ambassador, Nakshatra Prem, a grade 4 student of Abu Dhabi Indian School, who published a book on United Nations SDGs - titled ‘FOR OUR PLANET’. The book, dedicated to sustainability initiatives, in line with the Year of Sustainability, walks its readers through the 17 SDGs using engaging stories, to create awareness amongst the youth. This all-rounder prodigy also started STARKID – The Kindness Movement for SDGs, through which she involves students in pursuing SDG activities such as making campaign videos to help kids understand how they can contribute for One Billion Meals endowment under Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives.

To read more about Nakshata’s inspiring journey, follow the link [CLICK HERE](#)



23rd Cycle of Inter College Public Speaking Competition

**“wandered lonely as a cloud That float on high o’er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils;”** William Wordsworth

Poets started singing and talking about nature and the gorgeous scenes of our planet since ancient decades, to highlight the importance of natural resources and how we should protect them from malpractices by human beings.

Concerns about the environment and the impact of human activities on the planet have been present for centuries, and discussions about environmental issues are not a new trend. Environmental awareness and activism have evolved over time, driven by various factors such as scientific discoveries, societal changes, and environmental events.

In our firm belief of the importance of working together to find urgent and bold solutions to save our earth, we have established several annual educational programmes, amongst the most popular is the regional Inter College Environmental Public Speaking Competition which we are rolling the 23rd cycle on **November 20-23, 2023**. To enhance the research, critical thinking and speaking skills about Environmental issues and start finding the right solutions to save the earth, may the poets and writers continue to sing the beauty of our nature.

Certainly, climate change can have a significant impact on the beauty of the Earth in many ways; such as Landscape Alterations through rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns which lead to shifts in ecosystems, affecting the natural beauty of landscapes, sea level rise, biodiversity loss, and water scarcity and so on.

In this cycle we intend to focus on the main issues to motivate the students to start taking serious actions for:

- Global Environmental Policies and Regulations
- Omnipresent Microplastics
- Rising energy demands: satiable with renewable energy or oil indispensable.
- Multinational corporations.

To celebrate the convening of COP28 in the UAE in Nov-Dec, we have opened the doors for this competition to colleges and universities from all over the world.

Registration link: [CLICK HERE](#)



Students Workshops

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” Jane Goodall.

EEG usually makes sure to highlight the importance of the environment and natural resources by launching high-performance activities targeting the youth community, especially in schools' sphere. Amongst these is the series of the annual Students Workshops that has been ongoing for the last 23 years. The main purpose of these workshops is to raise awareness, build the capacity and empower the students about environmental issues, conservation and sustainable practices.

These workshops serve as interactive learning platforms that aim to achieve several important key objectives such as; Environmental Awareness, Education, Curriculum Enhancement, Building Sustainability Capacity, Future Leaders, Behavioral Change, Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills.

Bringing all the sciences together to find possible solutions to rescue the environment requires an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach. Environmental challenges are complex and multifaceted, involving various scientific disciplines. If we blend all sciences in a melting pot, we can leverage a wide range of expertise and perspectives to develop comprehensive and effective solutions for environmental challenges. This approach reflects the interconnected nature of environmental issues and the need for collaborative efforts to achieve meaningful change. EEG invites all students and teachers to register and participate in our upcoming programme; the “Students Workshops” on **October 23 - 25, 2023** to initiate the call to protect it from wrong practices and highlighting the impact of our actions and practices on the climate which is manifesting in so many ways in many countries around the world.

“Many disciplines, one purpose; united in knowledge, we mend the Earth’s course.” Capture the idea of bringing various scientific disciplines on a common platform to address a united goal of tackling environmental challenges and working towards a more sustainable future.





UNCCD
NEWS

Celebrating Youth Champions in Sustainable Land Management

On 15th August, the UNCCD Land Heroes Campaign was launched, welcoming applications to spotlight and support environmentally conscious youth aged 18-35 engaged in sustainable land management. This initiative aims to underscore the interconnection between land, biodiversity and climate, fostering positive change through shared narratives. By inspiring, uniting, and mentoring young individuals and youth-led organisations, the campaign aims to showcase the transformative potential of collective action.

Acknowledging the fight against desertification, land degradation, and drought, the UNCCD Land Heroes campaign empowers young changemakers through digital platforms, sharing success stories and involving them in convention implementation. Following the success of the inaugural 2020 cohort, the second cohort continues to energise and mobilise youth, amplifying their contributions and role in advancing UNCCD's goals.

Different categories available for application submission include -

- Drought resilience (Early warning systems, Mitigating the effects of drought, Adopting scalable and inclusive approaches),
- Land restoration (Large-scale land restoration, Community-level land restoration),
- Inclusivity and equality (Gender equality and women's empowerment, Social equity, Indigenous knowledge),
- Science and innovation (Innovation, Technology, Science and Research)

As part of the broader Land for Life Programme, #LandHeroes will showcase youth's commitment to sustainable land management. The campaign offers incentives like grants, mentorship, high-level UNCCD engagement, and recognition to fuel their mission. Explore the detailed news here: [CLICK HERE](#)



UNEP
NEWS

Climate litigation more than doubles in five years, now a key tool in delivering climate justice

Climate change litigation has surged, more than doubling from 884 cases in 2017 to 2,180 cases in 2022, revealing its global proliferation. Notably, 17% of cases now arise in developing nations, including Small Island Developing States, per recent findings by UNEP and the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. This reflects the escalating role of climate litigation in driving climate action and justice. The "Global Climate Litigation Report: 2023 Status Review" examines cases concerning climate law, policy or science. Published ahead of the UN General Assembly's first anniversary declaration of access to a clean environment as a universal human right, it highlights legal actions across 65 international, regional and national bodies.

A unique aspect is the involvement of 34 cases initiated by and on behalf of youth under 25, even girls as young as seven or nine. Senior women are also asserting claims, emphasising climate change's disproportionate impact on them. These litigations generally fall within six categories spanning - human rights, non-enforcement of climate-related laws, fossil fuel retention challenges, climate disclosures and greenwashing, corporate liability and failures to adapt. Courts are increasingly recognising human rights interconnections with climate change, enhancing protections for vulnerable communities and enforcing accountability. Consequently, governments and corporations face heightened pressure for ambitious climate change mitigation and adaptation pursuits. Follow the link to read the full story: [CLICK HERE](#)

EEG MEMBERS' UPDATE

EEG Welcomed 10 new student members, 16 renewed student members
in the month of August 2023

Student Membership

Halimah Sharjil Anwar	New	Arya Ajesh	Renewal
Jeremiah Jacob Varghese	New	Dhyan Jithin Rajan	Renewal
M. Rimsa Fazeen	New	Jashishth Kiiran Shettii	Renewal
Manav Pankaj Bhatia	New	Justanne Jibin	Renewal
Nabiha Husain	New	Justina Jibin	Renewal
Sambuddha Pal	New	Khushi Jagdishbhai Solanki	Renewal
Saumil Agarwal	New	Lena Murali	Renewal
Selena Marwaha	New	Nehan Naseem Ali	Renewal
Shriya Subramanian	New	Prasanna Adithya Balagopal	Renewal
Riya K.	New	Sarang Pillai	Renewal
Aarika Ajesh	Renewal	Siddharth Ajith	Renewal
Anahad Kaur Hanspal	Renewal	Samridh Kundu	Renewal
Archana Suraj	Renewal	Radhika Pherwani	Renewal



The collection of materials for recycling in the month of August resulted in the following benefits:

- » **GHG Reductions 668 (MTCO₂)**
- » **Saving of 4,674 Million BTU of Energy**
- » **Saving of 1,156 m³ of Landfill Space**
- » **Saving of 3,034 trees from being felled**
- » **Saving of 1,218 Gallons of Gasoline**



PAPER COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Kg)	Families	Quantity (Kg)
EEG collected 162,507 kg of Paper from 231 participating entities during the month of August 2023, an increase of 2% compared to July 2023. We encourage our participants to be actively involved in our Campaigns in the year 2023 to enable us to achieve our target of collecting 1,595,000 kg of paper. The Top Collectors were:	Abu Dhabi Men's College	6,050	Sultan Ali Al Zaabi	3,179
	Al Rayyan School	4,320	Nehan Naseem	865
	Jamila Buhaired School, the third cycle, for girls	3,870	Haneen Ahmed	580
CAN COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Kg)	Families	Quantity (Kg)
EEG collected 832 kg of Aluminum Cans from 28 participating entities during the month of August 2023, an increase of 10% compared to July 2023. We encourage participants to be actively involved in our Campaigns in the year 2023 to enable us to work towards achieving our target for 2023. The Top Collectors were:	American School of Dubai, Barsha	35	-	-
	Sumaya Bint Al Khayat School	11		
	-	-		
PLASTIC COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Kg)	Families	Quantity (Kg)
EEG collected 13,859 kg of Plastic from 121 participating entities during the month of August 2023, an increase of 15% compared to July 2023. Take a pledge and upsurge your recyclable deposits to support the country in its NET ZERO strategy. The top collectors for the month were:	Our Own High School, Al Warqaa	232	Fateem Ali Al Zaabi	221
	Al Ramaqeia Primary School	140	Amal Saeed Al Shamsi	210
	Delhi Private School Dubai	120	Ibrahim Pasha	205
TONER COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Pcs)	Families	Quantity (Pcs)
EEG collected 197 pieces of Toners from 13 participating entities during the month of August 2023 a decrease of 49% compared to July 2023. Recycling is crucial for the future health of our planet. Join us in our recycling campaigns and help reduce landfills in the UAE. The Top collectors were:	-	-	Sarang Pillai	33
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MOBILE COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Pcs)	Families	Quantity (Pcs)
EEG collected 330 pieces of Mobile Phones from 7 participating entities during the month of August 2023, an increase of 271% compared to July 2023. Adopt Eco conscious living and deposit your mobile phones with us for a sustainable future. The Top collectors were:	-	-	Rose Vincent	132
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GLASS COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Kg)	Families	Quantity (Kg)
EEG has collected 13,198 kg of Glass Bottles from 52 participating entities during the month of August 2023, an increase of 35% compared to July 2023. You have the power to turn the tide, reverse the effects of climate change by recycling. Take action now and contribute to mitigate carbon emissions. The Top collectors were:	-	-	Shamsa Nasir	511
			Sonia Gandhi	250
			Twarita Verma	160
E-WASTE COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Kg)	Families	Quantity (Kg)
EEG has collected 1,320 kg of E-waste from 21 participating entities during the month of August 2023, an increase of 38% compared to July 2023. We encourage our participants to continue collecting actively and prevent these materials from ending in landfills. The Top collectors were:	Abu Dhabi Men's College	10	Darwish Ahmed	159
	-	-	Amal Saeed Al Shamsi & Hana Abdullah (Tie)	40
			Vidyuth Balaji	32
SCRAP METAL COLLECTION CAMPAIGN	School	Quantity (Kg)	Families	Quantity (Kg)
EEG has collected 857 kg of Scrap metal from 15 participating entities during the month of August 2023, a decrease of 3% compared to July 2023. Take a pledge and upsurge your recyclable deposits to support the country in its NET ZERO strategy. The Top collectors were:	-	-	Ali Darwish	196
			Maryam Humaidan	179
			Muhair Mubarak	178

EEG invites all its members & participating entities to maximise their contributions to achieve the set targets of the above campaigns and focus on excelling in their collections for this year to contribute to the welfare of the society and a healthier environment.

