

# ***Climate change and children...***

**an opportunity to ensure a sustainable future for all**



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# ***A World Fit for Children... is it?***



*“Protect the Earth for children. We must safeguard our natural environment, with its diversity of life, its beauty and its resources, all of which enhance the quality of life, for present and future generations. We will give every assistance to protect children and minimize the impact of natural disasters and environmental degradation on them.”*

A World Fit for Children, 2002, paragraph 7, section 10, United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children, 2002



***It's all in the way we look at things...***



**Earth Child Institute is innovating change with and for the world's children... especially girls!**

***How?***

***Policy and Advocacy***

***Creative program development***

***Global networking***

***Connecting kids with kids***



***World leaders have been negotiating for longer than most of today's kids have been alive!!!***



*“This is the moral challenge of our generation.*

*Not only are the eyes of the world upon us. More importantly, succeeding generations depend on us.*

*We cannot rob our children of their future.”*

~ UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon  
(Bali, December 2007)

A need to move past rhetoric toward policies and actions directly addressing the concerns of **vulnerability, risk and protective mechanisms** underlying the human security perspective in volatile regions and on vulnerable groups, specifically children.

## White paper:

# ***Forest Community Schools: A Child-Centered Strategy for Mitigating Leakage in REDD+***

REDD+ projects have a life-span of 20-45 years, how can they possibly be sustainable without mainstreaming environmental education for sustainable development in the community schools?

*The evidence is mounting!*



PLANET  
2025  NETWORK



# UNFCCC Article 6

## Working with UNICEF to increase adaptive capacity through schools



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Community-based  
Adaptation to climate  
change

Quality Education  
with relevant content

- Policy mainstreaming tool
- Environmental education resource pack
- Child-centred lifeskills based participatory education for empowered citizenry
- Opportunity to work through schools to achieve community-based adaptation objectives
- Reforesting and increasing access to water, energy and food



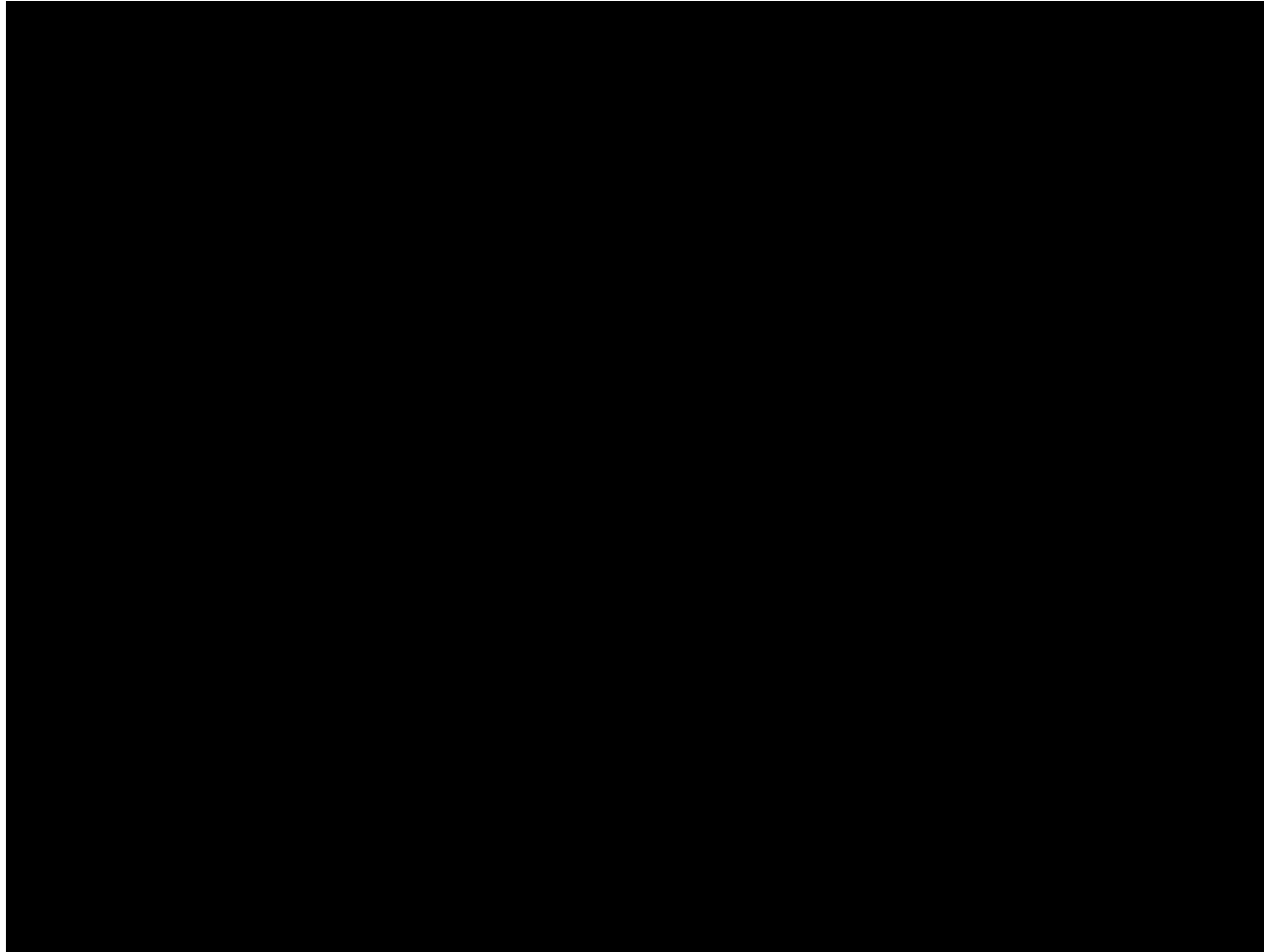
# The world is young... we have 2.2 billion superheroes ready to take action!



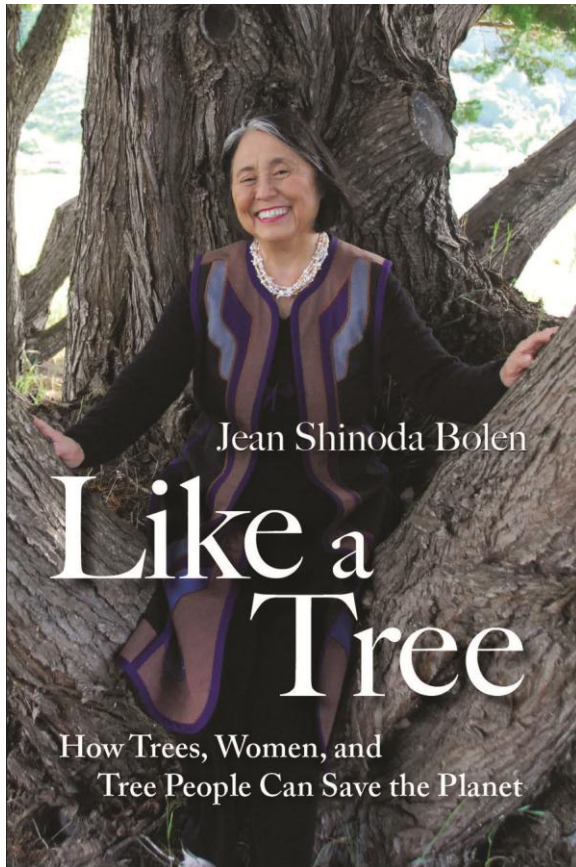
Children need the *opportunity to engage* fully with environmental challenges



# ***Working with the media to raise awareness...***







*Conari Press is donating one dollar per book sold to ECI's Power of One Child + One Tree = A Sustainable Future for All campaign!*

*Trees will be planted with environmental education at a secondary school giving priority to increasing enrolment of girls in Northern Togo*





# ***Power of One Child: A Global Network... joining forces worldwide for action and accountability!***

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## Power of One Child

A GLOBAL NETWORK

REFORESTING AND RE-ENERGIZING MOTHER EARTH... ONE CHILD AT A TIME!

### Our Mission

Power of One Child is a grass roots global action network regenerating Mother Earth and her children by connecting people, organizations, and resources dedicated to working with children to plant trees, restore watersheds, and address climate change resiliency in order to achieve a peaceful sustainable future with opportunities for all.

Endorse our Mission | Become a Member | Register your Initiative

### Transforming the world together

There are 2.2 billion people under the age of 18 on planet earth today. These people will represent more than half the world's working population by the year 2025. The Power of One Child global network has been established to connect and engage organizations and people working with children and the environment, in heart-centered, results-oriented, participatory approaches to create a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable future for all.

Mother Earth is losing more than 14 billion trees per year. A future without trees and safe water would be a future without hope. Our primary goal is to catalyze the planting, monitoring, and care of billions of trees

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# ***It is all in the way that we look at things...***

- Adding value to existing programmes and projects
- Partnership approaches are key
- Children and the environment...  
interconnected and interdependent life systems



***EARTH and HEART  
are comprised of  
the same  
letters...***



**Thank you**

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