

GEN at COP28

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The Global Ecovillage Network is excited to host four events at this year's [COP28](#). Bookmark this page and come back when we get closer to the date to register and get the weblinks for each event.

For the first year, UNESCO & the UN are launching a Greening Education Hub. We are delighted to join with two events exploring the ecovillage approach to regenerative education and climate action.





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**Greening Education Hub
at COP28**

Greening Education Pavilion | UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership

Creating Community Resiliency to Tackle Climate Change

Date: Saturday, 02nd Dec 2023

Time: 5:00PM – 6:00PM (UAE TIME); [Join us online](#)

Join us for a panel discussion and workshop sharing the learning journey of our [Ecovillage Resilience](#) project as we confront the growing ecological and climate challenges that are impacting our communities.

We will be sharing the tools and resources that we have been using to get a better grasp on how we can most effectively address the impacts that are already occurring due to global heating and climate change. We will respond to questions and welcome responses and suggestions while engaging in hands-on interactive learning activities during the session using the materials and processes that we have developed and been using.

Speakers and Facilitators:

[Rob Wheeler](#), Main UN Representative, GEN; and North American Representative, International Facilitating Committee, Action for Sustainable Development

[Lovans Owusu Takyi](#), Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Solutions (ISEES) Ghana

[Margarita O. Zethelius](#), Project Development; Latin American Representative, Network Stewards Circle; & Interim Board Member, Global Ecovillage Network Colombia

[Piedad Viteri](#), DIRECTORA ECOPOBLACIONES, ASESORA DE GESTIÓN AMBIENTAL, COLEGIO JOHANNES KEPLER Ecuador

ReGENerative Education Approaches and Tools for Teachers | December 3

Join Margarita, Piedad, Mugove & Taisa for an interactive workshop exploring the ecovillage approach to regenerative education. Through the sharing of ideas in this thoughtfully facilitated space, participants will unearth new perspectives about educational structures and

processes, spurring innovative ideas and imaginative possibilities for how learning can be conceptualized and materialized in our institutions.

Through interactive practical activities, participants will:

- 1 Get to know community-building tools to activate collective creativity and connect to cultural heritage while reconstructing an awareness of natural heritage;
- 2 Explore and develop dialogical, participatory, and regenerative activities within the learning process;
- 3 Apply the map of regeneration and the Integral Design Approach to school settings, exploring curricula informed by Ecovillage Design Education and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- 4 Delve into some case studies where these approaches are being delivered, for example the programmes for Sustainable Education and the SDGs for Schools from Johannes Kepler (Ecuador); the Training for Regenerative Education from Adventures from Students (Iceland) and the Greening Schools Programme from ReScope (Zambia) that are all inspired on the GEN Ecovillage approaches

Speakers and Facilitators:

[Margarita Hamatsu](#), Regenerative Education &

Adventures for Students, Alfheimar Green Preschool
Teacher, Iceland

[Mugove Walter Nyika](#), ReSCOPE Programme, Zambia
(joining online)

[Piedad Viteri](#), Johannes Kepler School, Ecuador

[Taisa Mattos](#), GEN Education

Sponsored by Johannes Kepler School, Regenerative
Education & Adventures for Students, and The Farm

[Learn more](#) about UNESCO's Climate change education
for social transformation: Whole-institution approach to
greening every school

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GREENING EDUCATION HUB EVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Greening Education Pavilion



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REGENERATIVE EDUCATION TOOLS FOR TEACHERS

Sharing the ecovillage approach
to regenerative education

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GREENING EDUCATION HUB EVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2023

Greening Education Pavilion



COP28

CREATING COMMUNITY RESILIENCY TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

What can ecovillages nurture today
to be more resilient tomorrow?

Join the learning journey that we have embarked upon as we confront the growing ecological and climate challenges that are impacting our communities and homes along with the tools and resources that we have been using to get a better grasp on how we can most effectively address the impacts that are already occurring due to global heating and climate change.

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SPECIAL EVENT - BLUE ZONE

Fri, 08 Dec 2023

11:30-13:00 local time | Room: SE Room 1 (175 pax)

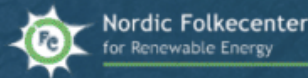


COP28

100% RENEWABLE & LOCAL SOLUTIONS: AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA & GLOBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE & POVERTY REDUCTION

Showcasing Community & Eco-Village Development: transition to 100% renewables, climate mitigation, adaptation & resilience with social co-benefits, income generation, food security, livelihoods, gender. Online Catalogues. Ex: Participatory planning & training in Africa, South Asia & around the world.

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Blue Zone Side Event | Fri, 08 Dec 2023 | 11:30-13:00 |
Room: SE Room 1 (175 pax)

100% Renewable & Local Solutions: Africa, South Asia & Global climate resilience & poverty reduction

[This event will be web-streamed here](#) | All side events will be available for [on-demand watching on YouTube](#)

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Organizing Partners:

Global Ecovillage Network (GEN)

International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE)

Integrated Sustainable Energy and Ecological Development Association (INSEDA)

Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy

Sustainable Environmental Development Watch
(SusWatch)

BLUE ZONE EXHIBIT | 04-06 December | Booth 3

Ecovillages around the world have long developed best practices & success stories showing how communities can plan for climate resiliency, adopt regenerative practices & implement nature based solutions based on Community Planning; an Impact Assessment Survey; & Regenerative Development Aims – SDGs+

Human Settlements, Health & Sustainable Lifestyle

Global Ecovillage Network (GEN – International), Mr. Rob Wheeler.

Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy (NFVE), Mr. Daniele Pagani.

COLEGIO JOHANNES KEPLER, Piedad Viteri

CARE - SHARE - INSPIRE
Climate Wisdom from COP28 DUBAI



LIVE STREAMING 30 Nov 2023 at 7pm (UAE TIME)



Guest Speaker
Sister Jayanti
Additional Administrative Head
of the Brahma Kumaris



Guest Speaker
Diane Shisk
International Reference Person for Climate
Change in Re-evaluation Counseling



Guest Speaker
Rob Wheeler
Global Ecovillage Network and the
Commons Cluster, UNEP



Moderator
Golo Pitz
Advisor Renewable Energy
- Brahma Kumaris



Care, Share, Inspire – Climate Wisdom from COP28’ Brahma Kumaris

Event Title: Care, Share, Inspire – Climate Wisdom from COP28. The interview will centre on following questions.

- Inspirational stories of change-makers driving real impact
- Sharing of wisdom to inspire innovative solutions to tackle climate challenges
- First-hand accounts of transformative moments from COP 28

Date: Thursday 30th Nov.

Time: 18:30 (Dubai local time) meeting time. The live stream will start at 19.00 and

end approx. 19.45 followed by a small reception.

Live stream link for the full program: <https://eco.brahmakumaris.org/live/>

You can now watch this event online: [YOUTUBE](#)

Featured Speaker: Rob Wheeler is a K-12 Teacher and the Main Representative to the UN of the Global Ecovillage Network and serves on GEN's Elders Council and Network Steward's Circle. He is a North American Representative on the Facilitating Group of Action for Sustainable Development and serves on the Advisory Council of the Ecosystem Restoration Communities. Rob lives at the Ecovillage Training Center at The Farm in Tennessee in the US. He is a certified trainer in Design for Sustainable Communities through GAIA Education and teaches about Regenerative Development and the SDGs. Rob has studied climate change and renewable energy solutions for 50 some years and has participated actively in most of the UN's sustainable development, environmental and climate conferences and processes for the past 25 years. He is the Founder and CEO of Sustainably Wise and represents The Farm on GEN's Climate Resiliency Community of Practice.

As per current planning, Golo Pilz, Adviser Renewable Energy, is the moderator and

Sister Jayanti, Additional Admin. Head of Brahma Kumaris and one more guest speaker will join the panel.

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Location: Raja Yoga Center, Shop 2, Nasir Ahmed Lootah Building, Khalid Bin Al Waleed Street, Umm Hurair First, Dubai (3 min. walk from Burjuman Metro Station, Exit 1)
Travel time from COP to the venue by metro/car is approx. 1 hour.