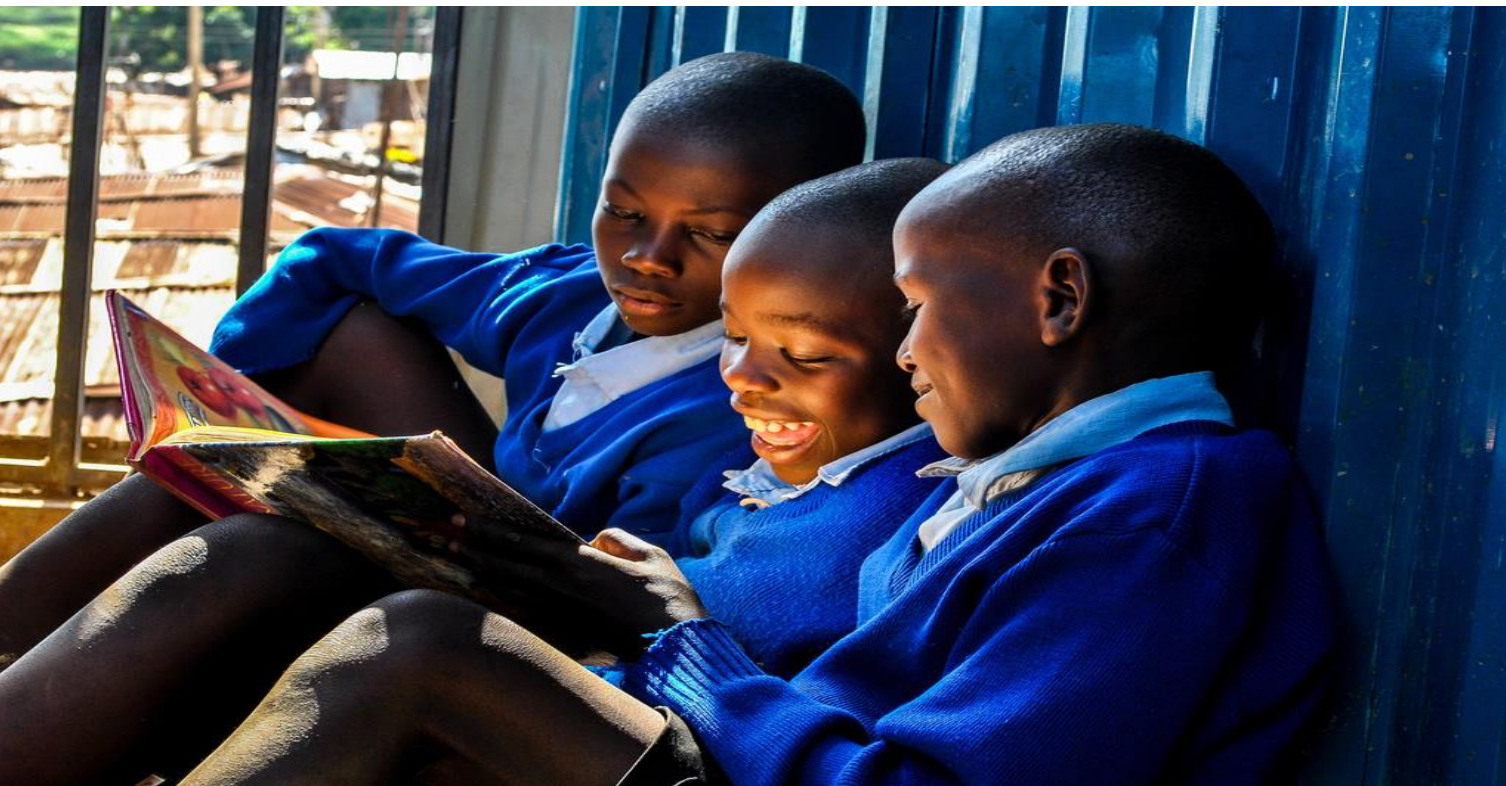


# **STRENGTHENING EDUCATORS' CAPACITY THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN COMPETENCES**

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# Preamble

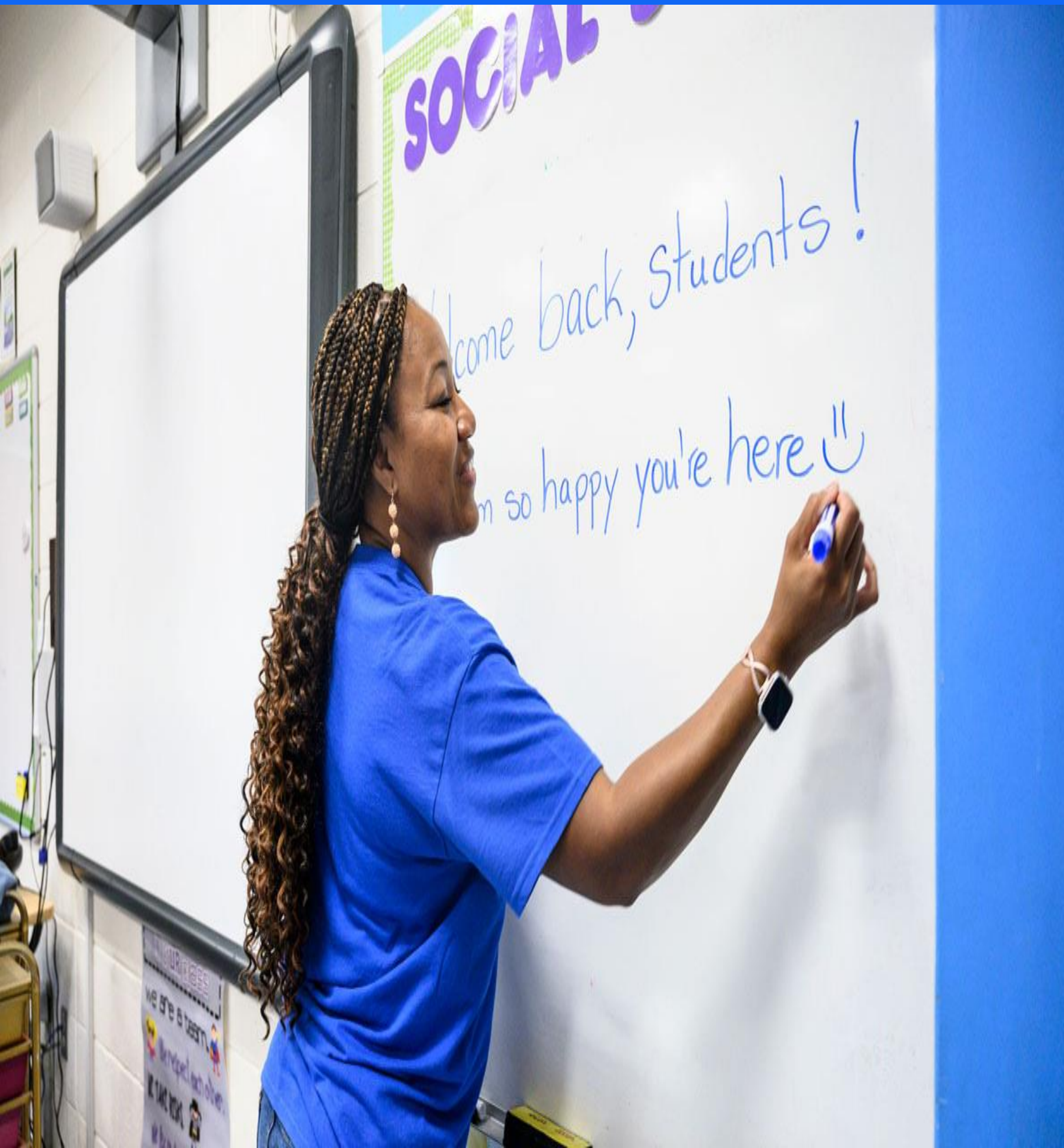




# Why Sustainability Education Matters







## What Do Educators Need?

- Training in climate change, green environment and sustainability
- Access to relevant teaching materials and resources
- Support from school leaders and local communities
- Time and space to collaborate and learn
- Capacity to teach green skills in creative ways



## The Power of Partnerships

No single group can do this alone. Partnerships will help educators to perform the task better. Partnerships make it easier for teachers to teach important topics like sustainability and help students succeed in a fast-changing world. Strong partnerships bring together skills, expertise, funding, ideas, tools and support. Strong partnerships grow through trust, shared goals, good communication, and working together.



# Examples of Partnerships



## Partnership with UNESCO

UNESCO partners with educators in:

- Teacher Training for Sustainability
- Educational Resources
- Global Teacher Network
- Policy Support and Advocacy
- School-Based Programmes
- Partnership with Local Organizations

# Examples of Partnerships



## Partnership with Eco-Schools

This is led by the Foundation for Environmental Education, supported by United Nation's Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNESCO. It involves how to lead school-wide sustainability projects with student and community involvement.



## Partnership with UNICEF & Ministries of Education

UNICEF partners with governments to provide teacher training, safe learning environments, and child rights education. This involves learning how partnerships can improve school safety, inclusion, and learning quality.



# Examples of Partnerships



## Partnership with Teach For All & Local NGOs

A network of partner organizations that train and support teachers in under-resourced communities. Educators learn how NGOs and educators can work together to improve learning outcomes.



## Partnership with US and international schools

This is a partnership of schools committed to sharing sustainability ideas and support for learning through the creation of global classrooms focused on climate action.



# Examples of Partnerships



## Partnership with Microsoft Education & Schools

Microsoft partners with educators to provide free digital tools, teacher training, and technology support. Private companies help schools with technology, innovation, and digital teaching.





## How to Build Strong Partnerships

- Connect with local organizations, businesses, NGOs, or government offices.
- Share your goals and what you hope to achieve together.
- Look for shared interests like promoting sustainability, improving learning, or supporting the community.
- Begin with simple projects then grow the partnership over time.
- Share results and success stories. This builds trust and encourages others to get involved.
- Stay in touch, say thank you, and find new ways to work together regularly.
- Measure and celebrate progress.



# What Are Green Competences?

- **Environmental knowledge:** Understanding climate change, pollution, biodiversity, and how human actions affect the Earth.
- **Creative Skills:** Teaching students how to solve real environmental problems using creative and hands-on methods (like projects, nature walks, or school gardens).
- **Values & Attitudes:** Caring for nature and respecting the environment and encouraging students to do the same.
- **Action Competence:** The ability to guide students to take concrete actions, not just learn.
- **Others:** Critical thinking; Understanding ecosystems and climate; Sustainable lifestyle choices; Collaboration for change and Responsible decision-making.







## Call to Action

- Look for local or global partners who care about education and the environment;
- Share your needs and ideas;
- Join networks, forums, or programs focused on sustainability education; and
- Play your role as a partner.





## Conclusion

Teaching for a greener future is a shared mission. Partnership is key to success.  
With the right support, educators can lead powerful change.



# THANK YOU!

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