

**International Center for Environmental Education and
Community Development**

**The Communication on Engagement (COE)
Report of the United Nations Global Compact 2021 -2023**

Introduction

- ICENECDEV (International Center for Environmental Education & Community Development) was established in 2005, with registration number: 43/G.37/D.14/1/ VOL.BAPP/ in accordance of law Number. 90/53 of December 1990 under article 7 relating to the formation, governing and functioning of association in Cameroon.
- ICENECDEV is a resource- based organization. ICENECDEV works with a team of resource persons, consultants and volunteers to address key Environmental issues related to social and Economic aspects of global, national and local concerns which affects lives, livelihoods and communities in Cameroon and African countries.
- ICENECDEV mainstream environmental sustainability into livelihoods as an approach to share information, create awareness and address issues of global, national and local concern: climate change, Biodiversity conservation, marine litter, water and waste management, Air Quality monitoring, food security, land degradation and disaster risk reduction.
- ICENECDEV enforce and push conventions, Environmental legal instruments and mechanism ratified by Government of Cameroon and African Countries into national plan of action, development programmes which are translated into local actions and contributing to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs)

To demonstrate ICENECDEV continued engagement with the UN Global Compact, as non-business participant the following activities were undertaken between 2021 to 2023 .ICENECDEV has contributed enormously with the supports of it partners and networks to push the environment thematic and the principle 7,8 and 9 of the United Nations Global Compact principles

Environment

- 7 Businesses should support a [precautionary approach](#) to environmental challenges;
- 8 Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- 9 Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Environmental Actions Undertaken

Climate Actions.

ICENECDEV is pushing climate actions in Coastal and mountain regions to reduce deforestation of forest and mangroves with the production and distribution of improved clean cook stoves to community members and stakeholders with Support from CERCLOS Australia and 1% Fund for Development USA.

It is increasingly recognized that safeguarding nature is critical to addressing climate change and protecting billions of the most vulnerable people around the world. Yet, as governments, donors and investors look for ways to protect and restore nature, they often overlook one of the most accessible and impactful solutions: clean cooking.

At COP27, ICENECDEV join the Clean Cooking Alliance's latest report [**Accelerating Clean Cooking as a Nature-based Climate Solution**](#) is a call to action for governments, investment decision-makers, conservation organizations, and the private sector to scale clean cooking as a nature-based climate solution which can deliver immediate and lasting benefits to people and planet.

Aligning clean cooking with climate and nature finance and integrating into broader conservation and restoration activities can yield multiple benefits for climate, local biodiversity and ecosystem recovery, regenerative livelihoods, clean air and community health, and female empowerment. <https://cleancooking.org/news/10-key-co-benefits-of-clean-cooking-for-climate-nature-and-communities/>



Biodiversity Loss/ Nature Restoration.

United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration

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ICENECDEV has contributed in the ongoing consultation on the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030 pinpointing the importance of the restoration of degraded mountain ecosystem and ocean biodiversity as important component of the entire process to restore the climate, conserve biodiversity, Food system and water supply.

ICENECDEV engaged in the COP15 United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal Canada December 2022 with the Support of the Business for Nature coalition and Natural Capital Coalition to push Nature Positive Future by 2030 through Agroecological practices with smallholder women farmers for Food system transformation supported by Earthrising Foundation USA and the Sustainable Food System programme secretariat of the One Planet Network.

ICENECDEV in collaboration with Dr Shirley Yeung (project convener/ designer) from the Gratia Christian College (UNPRME Advanced Signatory Institute, Hong Kong) Proposed and supported a Campaign for Let's Restore the Nature – Know what to wrap your food or use what to wrap your waste for disposal to protect the nature with participants from a diversified community.

The Major Takeaways of the Campaign – “Restore the Nature with SDGs and ESG/ IEP”

1. Understanding how to differentiate materials and debunking greenwash labels (GREEN INDUSTRY)
2. Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills and Screening Abilities to build Self-Management Skills (PERSONAL SOFT SKILLS)
3. Learning about recent innovation in eco-technologies (TECHNOLOGY UPDATE)
4. Defining criteria to becoming an environmental, social, governance (ESG) planner with practical solution(s) to tackle global plastic problem

Restore the Nature with Innovations via SDGs and ESG/ IEP


This project aims to educate the community on the use of NFT as a Service for Fundraising to benefit SDG/ ESG related activities It is to encourage the building up of a community of Art (Content Creation) Tech as well as Business. The NFT objects are Asian style paintings by youth and women from Kenya and Cameroon. Youth and women in these countries who participated in this project have learned how to paint in Chinese. Calligraphy style and the subjects of these paintings are endangered species and plants such as elephants, lotus, and fish.



This project is a good example of employing a technological platform to educate the community on SDG/ESG in a meaningful way. In the 3rd batch of collections, students in Pakistan via NGO Shehersaaz have also been involved. It welcomes bids for these NFT paintings and the bidder who gets the highest number of NFT paintings will receive a physical painting donated by Dr. Shirley Yeung, winner of a Young Asian Artist Award in 2022/ Representative of SYART Gallery, Beijing, China and founder of this project/ Chair, Community Education and Asia Ambassador, ICENECDEV. In the past three years, Dr. Shirley has used Zoom to engage youth and women in Kenya, Cameroon, Philippines, Pakistan with physical solo Chinese Calligraphy Painting exhibition (Tai Kwun, Heritage Building, Fringe Club, Anita Chan-lai Ling Gallery, Hong Kong, SYART Gallery, Beijing, China with physical demonstration with professors / students of UNPRME Chapters, RMER Conference, Portugal, Sept. 2023 about creating awareness of art, culture, technology (blockchain and NFT) to accelerate SDGs for impacts. The project of Dr. Shirley, Asia Ambassador, ICENECDEV has been selected by 1) UNESCAP, SDG Acceleration Pavilion, Bangkok, March, 2023, 2) UNESCO Bangkok, Entrepreneurial Education Conference, Oct., 2023 3) Cop28, Green School, Dubai, Dec. 4, 2023 and 4) UNPRME UAE Chapter REMR Conference, University of Dubai, Dec. 4, 2023 with ongoing book publication – foreword contributed by Eric Fongoh, Co-founder, ICENECDEV.



Some of the paintings thus produced are now put into two collections, one by participants from Kenya and Cameroon and the other by Shirley herself in the 1st collection, March 2023 with Eric Fongoh, ICENECDEV joined in zoom during the opening ceremony, Cyberport, Hong Kong. This painting project thus visualizes the importance of SDGs / ESG through Art, Technology, and Values in Responsible



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SDG#5 Gender Equality – Empowerment with Self-Confidence

Miss Environment Initiative

The Miss environment contest is an Annual event to demonstrate the value and contribution of the girl child in environment protection and sustainability. The youths and including the girl child plays a fundamental role in their communities to promote environmental sustainability through local environmental initiative, actions and environmental businesses. The aim of the Miss environment contest is to mainstreaming gender equality into environmental sustainability by promoting the environment initiatives/actions that covers the social and economic aspects which are the building pillars and components of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development and 17 sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) in transforming our society and creating the Future we want. Since 2021 ICENECDEV has awarded and supported more than 100 girls projects to promote environmental Sustainability and Stewardship in Cameroon and Africa.



SDG#4/ 9/17 - Engaged BNI chapter members to be ICENECDEV Members to implement SDG acceleration projects with ESG and Institute of Economics Peace (IEP), Sept., - Dec., 2023



Dr Shirley Yeung is one of our Brand Ambassador of Miss environment Initiatives between 2021 to 2023. Dr Yeung, Shirley, Associate Vice-President of UNESCO HongKong Association, Secretary-General of the World Institute of Sustainable Development (WISDP) and Asia Ambassador for United Nations Principles of Responsible Management Education (UNP RME) and UNSDSG-Kenya, Sustainability Mindset Working Group / Associate Professor, Head of Business, Gratia Christian College (GCC). Best Professor, HK Educational Leadership Award, 2019. Nominee for Global Corporate Sustainability Award: Outstanding Professional, 2020.



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