

Annex B

E-GLO: Vision, Mission, and Objectives

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Vision for E-GLO

Millions of inspired, highly capable, and connected youth all around the world bringing about justice, sustainability, and peace in their own lives, local communities, and the world.

Mission for E-GLO

Develop and implement an online leadership training for youth that is:

- Inspired by the Earth Charter;
- Accessible to all motivated youth world-wide;
- Interactive, fun, and full of hope; and

succeeds in:

- Inspiring youth to engage in critical and creative thinking about the challenges that currently confront humanity and the Earth;
- Helping them to develop the skills they will need to engage in successful human rights, sustainable development, and peacebuilding projects and initiatives; and
- Forming a strong network of friends and colleagues who collaborate with one another, offering advice, support, and encouragement.

Objectives for E-GLO

Inspired by the Earth Charter

- Apply the Earth Charter’s vision of a “just, sustainable, and peaceful world” throughout;
- Conduct one or more sessions on the Earth Charter and the ECYI, complete with tangible examples and inspiring stories, with a special focus on the consultation process, “The Way Forward” section, and “Beacon Projects;”

Accessible to all Motivated Youth

- Make special efforts to bridge the digital divide;
- Make special efforts to inform a diversity of youth and invite them to participate; and
- Make special efforts to translate E-GLO into other languages, and involve non-English-speaking participants in meaningful ways.

This particular program will operate predominantly in English while looking for opportunities to involve other language speakers in meaningful way through various art based components. I.e. Live performances, visual presentations including video, slide shows.

Interactive, Fun, and Full of Hope

- Utilize cutting edge online technologies and offline activities to ensure a high degree of interaction. The web based technologies used in this program will be selected for their popular accessibility and ease of operation;
- Employ teambuilding activities that are fun, help create a trusting environment, help participants explore and move beyond their own comfort zones, and promote a sense of belonging;
- Employ and teach digital storytelling to promote a strong sense of community among participants and to fill them with hope;

Challenges to Humanity and the Earth

- Engage participants with sessions in which we identify and critically discuss current pressing challenges, while coming up with creative approaches to overcoming obstacles;
- Offer sessions that encourage participants to consider both local actions and involvement in global governance processes;
- Take in presentations and interact with experienced guest speakers who have made advances in areas of social justice and environmental and economic sustainability through organizational and community leadership, and artistic vision.

We continue to look for ways to engage a balanced and culturally diverse group of guest presenters and participants valuing a global conversation as much as possible.

Skills Development

- Hold sessions on individual learning styles, celebrating diversity, nonviolent communication, group dynamics, and conflict resolution and peacebuilding; as well as
- Digital storytelling, engaging online media, presentation skills, facilitation skills, and resume and cover letter writing;
- Hold sessions on visualization and strategizing, project design, grant writing, fundraising resources, social entrepreneurship, and report writing;

A Strong and Lasting Network

- Draw on Internet resources, such as an e-mail list, blog, website, Skype, etc. to keep network of youth in touch and active after E-GLO;

- Encourage participants to join the ECYI as a strong and growing network through which to remain connected and make new connections, while benefiting from the International Youth Coordinator's support of their work;
- Provide opportunities to alumni to contribute to future trainings.

In general, engage participants at three levels: individual, community, and world. Draw on inspiring experts, especially youth, to facilitate sessions.