



Invitation to 13th WEEC in Perth

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All over the world, billions of people dream of peace, an untroubled and secure existence, and the possibility of satisfying basic needs such as health, access to education and intangible cultural assets, protection from what threatens human life, complete and quality nutrition, and the ability to live in cities and natural environments that are hospitable and rich in biodiversity.

Around the world, in both developed and disadvantaged countries, billions of people experience climate disruption in the form of alternating extreme phenomena: floods and droughts, too hot or too cold.

Throughout the world, billions of people are at risk of forced migration, hunger, and disease. Other people are moved by empathy and a sense of common belonging to humankind and planet Earth, and they suffer when they see the suffering of so many brothers and sisters.

Around the world, tens of thousands of universities and tens of millions of primary and secondary school teachers are committed to satisfying the thirst for learning of young people and adults, but hundreds of millions do not have access to education or cannot benefit from adequate learning. Yet, learning is essential to be active protagonists in this era of ever-increasing acceleration of change. Yet, education is the most effective tool for changing the world in the way we want.

There is a gap between our knowledge and capabilities and the ever-growing and ever-faster magnitude of the problems that humanity must face.

Since its inception in the late 1960s and early 1970s, environmental education has set out to show how better futures can be found and travelled together. Environmental education serves billions worldwide who live, work, study, and dream. Environmental education raises generations of determined, realistic dreamers and builders of possible and desirable futures.



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The worldwide community of researchers, professionals, educators, public organisations, and NGOs is engaged daily in this noble human enterprise. This community finds in the WEEC network an ultimate, primary tool to become more cohesive and to make its actions more effective.

With its digital media, the World Congresses that have taken place on all continents, and its campaigns and initiatives, such as World Environmental Education Day on 14 October each year, WEEC keeps the focus on environmental education alive and supports research and innovative practice of formal and non-formal education.

This is why we invite everyone, people and institutions, to the thirteenth World Congress of Environmental Education, which will be held in Perth, Australia, in September 2026.

It will be a great and beautiful opportunity for discussion, stimulation and encouragement, and personal and collective growth.

It will be an opportunity to reflect on the learning state and changes needed today. Hope animates us, and we do not want to put limits on it. No Limits to Hope is the title of the report we are working on together with The Fifth Element project and the Club of Rome, which we will present in Perth at the 13th WEEC. It will be a great event and one more reason to attend the congress.

So, let's work daily on transformative learning and meet in Australia to take stock.

See you soon. But in the meantime, let's stay in touch!

Mario Salomone