

## **IJECEE Special Issue Call for Abstracts**

### **Sustainable Development Goals and Early Childhood Environmental Education: Awareness, Understanding, and Transformation**

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The 17 Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup> and their 169 associated and integrated targets adopted by all members of the United Nations in 2015 have received scant attention in the early childhood sector, particularly within the United States of America. Yet, while the scope of the SDGs may be daunting, their interconnectedness with early childhood appears obvious as the goals are targeted to facilitate human equity and well-being, plus societal aspirations alongside minimization of environmental impacts. More specifically, early childhood environmental education may be where SDGs can be distilled into theoretical, transformational, and relational practices that serve as models for lifelong learning. Pathways that transform socio-environmental-economic systems begin early and as the Earth is at a critical tipping point for loss of biodiversity and climate change, it is essential that progress toward these goals be accelerated. Therefore, this special issue of IJECEE aims to increase awareness of the SDGs through a collection of articles that may include position papers, field reports, research papers, and evaluation studies that address the SDGs and how they may be embedded within environmental education. Lessons learned from global efforts may promote our collective awareness and understandings of the SDGs and their implementation in early childhood environmental education. Examples of manuscript topics related to the SDGs and environmental education might include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Advocacy
- Approaches to learning
- Child agency
- Children's perspectives
- Children's rights
- Climate action
- Critique of SDGs
- Cultural and local approaches to implementing SDGs
- Curriculum or curriculum analyses and SDGs
- Educator professional learning

Family involvement  
Global partnerships  
Health and Nutrition  
Inclusive and equitable learning opportunities  
Peace education  
Pedagogy  
Policy-making  
Poverty  
Research methodologies  
School, center, or program-wide initiatives  
Theoretical perspectives  
Values and/or world views

## Procedures

Email your abstract or manuscript proposal to [IJECCE.SDG@gmail.com](mailto:IJECCE.SDG@gmail.com) by October 1, 2020. Invitations for full manuscripts will be sent by November 1, 2020. Manuscripts selected for inclusion in the special issue will be due January 30, 2021. For additional author guidelines, please visit the journal's website: <https://naturalstart.org/research/ijecee>

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about Sustainable Development Goals, see [https://unfoundation.org/what-we-do/issues/sustainable-development-goals/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI1r7AgerW6AIVCf\\_jBx3FmQ0CEAAYASAAEgLUg\\_D\\_BwE](https://unfoundation.org/what-we-do/issues/sustainable-development-goals/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI1r7AgerW6AIVCf_jBx3FmQ0CEAAYASAAEgLUg_D_BwE)