



GLOBAL NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

“It always seems impossible until it is done” Nelson Mandela

GOAL 1 END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE	GOAL 2 END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	GOAL 3 ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES	GOAL 4 ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL
GOAL 5 ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS	GOAL 6 ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL	GOAL 7 ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL	GOAL 8 PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL
GOAL 9 BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION	GOAL 10 REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES	GOAL 11 MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE	GOAL 12 ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS
GOAL 13 TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS*	GOAL 14 CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	GOAL 15 PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS	GOAL 16 PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS
GOAL 17 STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT			

Annual Report

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Education must be an equal opportunity for all.

Above:Sister school in Nepal.

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Building youth for a better tomorrow.

Above: GNSD volunteers with Nepali students .

Where We Work



Cameroon
China
Ethiopia

India
Nepal
Nigeria

Poland
Qatar
Rwanda

USA

Message from the President



Dear Friends,

Although we started to build our network already four years ago, we have just closed the founding year of our organization, as it was officially registered as an NGO in August 2017. Initially run based on volunteering work of a small group of people, and supported by their out of pocket money, GNSD received 509 (2) (c) status in January this year. It was also fortunate to receive a seed grant to support our projects in Nepal, the country where it was launched initially.

It was a rewarding experience though, when in September 2018, at the UN High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, we found confirmation that our mission is right on target and that our network has a chance to contribute to building the culture of peace significantly. Mr. Mirosław Lajczak, President of the UN General Assembly, said in his statement opening the Forum “To effectively build the culture of peace we need to begin relevant education not in college, but as early as possible.” This is what we plan to do!

On publishing of our first Annual Report, I would like to express my gratitude to all activists of our network who contributed to its development. I wish all of us a successful implementation of our mission in the coming year.

Marek Wosinski, Ph.D.

President of GNSD



Global Network for Sustainable Development (GNSD) was initiated by a group of young community leaders from Africa who participated in leadership workshops on Empowerment for Peace through Leadership in Agribusiness and Sustainability (EmPeaceLABS) held in Jalgaon (India) in 2012. The workshops were organized by the partnership between Arizona State University (ASU) and Gandhi Research Foundation.

The network was launched in Kathmandu (Nepal) at the meeting of the Rotary Clubs in November 2014.



GNSD was functioning as a project of the ASU Department of Psychology. On August 8, 2017, after submitting our Bylaws (see the attachment), GNSD was officially registered in Arizona as an NGO (file number 22107915). GNSD was assigned the EIN 82-3512985, and in January 2018 recently received a confirmation of 509 (a) (2) status.



The mission of GNSD is to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by educating young future community leaders about the principles of environmental and economic sustainability, and by involving them in active achieving of these goals.

The network will implement its mission by creating in high schools worldwide Sustainability Clubs for Peace and Peace Clubs for Sustainability. These clubs will promote the idea of Global Citizenship, involve their members in community projects addressing protection of environment and sustainable economic development, as well as instill in youth the value of non-violent conflict resolutions



Good education is another name for happiness.

Above: Students of sustainability club in Cameroon



Stages of Network Development

- We created the following bodies:

Board of Directors
Advisory Board
Executive Team.

- We nominated the Regional Coordinators in Nepal, India, Kenya, Uganda, China, Sri-Lanka and USA.
- In August 2017, we launched our website (www.gnsd.org), and in September we created our brochure and flyer.
- From July to November, Birendra Kumar (Regional Coordinator for India) reached out to 2000 schools of Delhi inviting them to establish Peace Clubs for Sustainability.
- We started to create the Peace Clubs for Sustainability and Sustainability Clubs for Peace in Nepal. For detailed information please see attached brochure or visit our websites (<http://gnsd.org> and on Facebook).
- Dr. Marek Wosinski (President of GNSD) and Mr. Jan Hellman (Founder of Non-Violence Project Foundation) met in Delhi to discuss potential for collaboration between GNSD and Non-Violence.
- On occasion of the International day of Tolerance Non-Violence Foundation with association of GNSD officially launched "Youth Peace Parliament-2017.





- We agreed to initiate a collaboration with Georgina Galanis, Founder of the organization The Colors of Life. For many years Georgina has been working with various units of the UN, and she agreed to help us to make relevant connections there. She was added to our Advisory Board.
- We signed an MOU with the corporation Maesinfo from Chengdu (China) in which we agreed to create a joint venture in Chengdu that will provide sustainability education for schools in Sichuan Province based on the grant from the government. Mr. Hu, CEO of Maesinfo was in Phoenix to discuss with us the details. The grant proposal was written and submitted to Mr. Hu.
- According to the recent updates we received from Mr. Hu the government is hesitant to spend 14 million dollars on education, and would rather sponsor Bioscience Research Institute led by Dr. Hartwell. Dr. Hartwell rejected this suggestion. At the meeting with him we agreed that we have the following options: withdraw from the project, try to compromise by adding a small research component, reduce the size of the project and its cost, and if collaboration with Maesinfo will discontinue - incorporate the Chinese project into other grant proposals we are currently preparing.





- Birendra Kumar signed a partnership agreement between his company and the Non-Violence Project in Switzerland, and created the new organization Non-Violence Project in India. This organization in collaboration with Non-Violence Project Switzerland, and in association with GNSD, organized a 3-day long training workshop for trainers representing various districts of India. Eight Regional Coordinators of GNSD representing different regions of India joined this training and discussed an implementation strategy for creating Peace Clubs for Sustainability in India. The workshop was facilitated by Ivana Bushlieta, Director of Global Education at Non-Violence Foundation.
- On occasion of the International day of Tolerance Non-Violence Foundation with association of GNSD officially launched “Youth Peace Parliament-2017”
- The Parliament session, with participation of about 300 students and numerous teachers, was facilitated by the powerful panel: Augustine Veliath (Chairperson Non-Violence Project India), Blaise Oberson,(CEO , Non-violence Project Foundation), Swami Satchidanandan Achrya Guru, (Navshruthi International Trust), Dr.Karan Singh (Member of Parliament and Chairperson of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Peace and Sustainable Development), Dr.Madan Mohan Goel, (Director, of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development), Dr.Marek Wosinski, (President of the Global Network for Sustainable Development), and Ivana Bushljeta (Director Global Education, Non-Violence Project Foundation.)



- GNSD and partner organizations started creating Peace Clubs for Sustainability in India. So far 26 Clubs have been registered. All clubs are registered on the/our GNSD website, as well as a new group of Regional Coordinators from India. Dr. Marek Wosinski appointed trainee and regional coordinators during the Youth Peace Parliament and GNSD.
- During the Parliament Session, we met Dr. Jianrong Chen who created the first in China Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Jinan University in Guangzhou. We agreed to set up collaboration between his Institute and GNSD.
- Stephen Daniel, Regional Coordinator in Uganda, and Eugene Nyuydine Ngalim, Regional Coordinator in Cameroon, started to create Peace Clubs in their countries. Birendra appointed Regional coordinator in Sri-Lanka, from Jan 2018, we will start functioning in Sri-Lanka. Bibesh Manandhar, Regional Coordinator for Nepal, created 2 Peace Clubs in Kathmandu, a Peace club for Sustainability and Sustainability Club for Peace in Hetauda.
- In collaboration with the GNSD Nepali Team, YPN and the School of Social Work at Arizona State University organized an Internship for Megan McDermott and Alissa Heyer, graduate students at the School of Social Work. Their task was to assess the need of new created Peace Clubs, help students to design plan of work, as well make a plan for collaboration with two clubs recently created in Phoenix. The internship was very successful (you may find detailed report in news on GNSD website).



Together we can make the world a better place to live.

Above: Students in India learning about peace and conflict resolution.



Activities in India

- First Peace Clubs were established in India (26-Dec-2017)
- Volunteers and peace club members visited Shantivanam Ashram (Rama Village Butibori) (7-Jan-2018)
- Gayatri Parivar and peace club members participated in Yug Sruteja rally on January 25th, 2018.
- Peace club for Sustainability established in Raj Bharti school in Lanji, Madhypradsh
- Conducted Sexual Abuse Workshop(8-March -2018)
- Good deed Swacchata Abhiyan(18-April-2018)
 - Yoga Dharnendra Multipurpose Purpose Society and Peace club Member of GNSD Celebrated Good Deed day
Activity to support "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (clean India) under this program our team has done the cleaning work of Uday Nagar NIT Garden Nagpur (India).Through this program our garden become clean and more beautiful.
- Good deed Swacchata Abhiyan(18-April-2018)
- Yoga Dharnendra Balsanskarshala and peace Club of GNSD Nagpur India is celebrated Good Deed Day on April 21, 2018. The volunteers prayed and meditated.
- Peace club members learned Greeting Cards Making (17-March -2017)
 - Kids made various Greetings Cards with beautiful Slogans



- On occasion of Earth Day, the club organized a cycle rally to promote sustainable consumption, save the earth from pollution of water, air and soil.
- During this rally we had taken the initiative for awareness of water sustainability, hygiene, air pollution, save environment, promote plantations. It was an Eco-friendly rally.
- Member of Peace school participated in "Skill development event for Girls organized by Gayatri parivar shantikunj in Shegaon Maharashtra from May 1st to May 7th.
- Organized Rangoli competition on SDG 17 to create awareness about tree plantation and environment.
- Celebrated international yoga day for health awareness and through yoga, people got physical and mental benefits by relieving stress and anxiety through the practice of meditation.
- Future plan to Develop Gandhi Sagar Lake based on sustainable development goal 2030
 - We went to Gandhi Sagar lake to bring awareness among the population about water pollution and how we can avoid situations that cause water pollution.
 - This Project is under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan



- Dr. Marek Wosinski, President of GNSD participated in the International Conference on Agriculture in Emerging Economies organized by TERI University in New Delhi. He had the privilege to be a member of the Advisory Board, and delivered a keynote presentation introducing the Global Network for Sustainable Development (GNSD), he was also chair of the panel on agricultural education.
- The conference created an opportunity to meet people involved in agricultural education who expressed interest in collaboration with GNSD team in Nepal. At a meeting with Dr. R. Seth, Vice Chancellor of the TERI University we discussed final details of a partnership between TERI and GNSD.
- Dr. Marek Wosinski, President of GNSD and Bibesh Manandhar, Regional Coordinator for Nepal visited The HEAD Foundation (THF), a charitable organization set up in 2013 in Singapore to contribute to the development of Asia. As a think-tank, they focus on issues around human capital, education, leadership and sustainability. They had a meeting with Mr. You-Book Lim, Executive director of the Foundation, Mr. C.D. Liang, Director of Development, Mr. Vignesh Naidu Director of Operations, Mr. Ben Ning, Project Manager, and Dr. Uma Natarajan, Principal Researcher. They discussed potential for long term collaboration between the Foundation and Global Network for Sustainable development (GNSD), mainly by promoting educational projects for East Asia.



Activities in Cameroon

WVED Cameroon's Projects and activities falls in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2, 3, 4,5,10, 13 and 17.

➤ **Her Story Campaign Program Activities; December 2017 – February 2018**

The HerStory program empowers vulnerable girls (girls who face problems in reading, writing, listening and speaking and they are at high risk of dropping out of school) within the ages 10 to 16 years old by building their life skills (confidence and self-esteem) through creative expressions, dynamic mentoring and transformational literacy. The goal of the HerStory is to inspire action that will move the world towards greater justice, health and global wellbeing for all. Presently there are 11 LitClubs in Bamenda, the North West Region of Cameroon, with 200 girls enrolled in the program and 35 boys who are standing up to support the initiative of these girls.

- **World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) - February 4th 2018:**
On World Read Aloud Days (WRAD) celebrated on February 4th the girls celebrate the power of words and create a community of readers taking action to show the world that the right to literacy belongs to all people. On the 4th of February 2018, 200 LitKids celebrated the world read aloud day with 40 orphans of the garden of education and Healing Bamenda I Sub Division.



➤ **December 2017 – February 2018**

During holidays a literacy based pragmatic program is carried out by combining a traditional camp experience with effective literacy. Life skills training empowerment LitClub workshops, and fun filled activities building the resilience the girls need to carry through the coming year. We believe in mainstreaming sexual and reproductive health education in our programs to stop menstruation stigma, provide for sanitary pads and reduce the rate of girls dropping out of school within their menstruation period.

➤ **December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018 weekly activities**

Entrepreneurial skills development training is also incorporated in our work to enhance creativity and innovation. Where the LitKids designed a project “Empower Her for a Better Economy”. This project aimed at building life skills and entrepreneurial skills in girls (10-16 years) to enable so as to fund the education of less privileged girls.

➤ **Sustainability Club for Peace: 16 February 2018**

Government Technical High School (GTHS) Buea created a sustainability Club for peace in September 2017, with Emmanuel Tebit a staff of the school being the coordinator of the program.

The club has climate action (SDG 13), SDG 2 and SDG 17 as one of its major objectives. This club has well established executive members who are all students.



- Within the assistance of the school principal Mr. Epey Ronard Ebi the Sustainability Club has been able to establish a pineapple farm with 11,000 pineapples planted and 200 plantains. The students are being taught the effects of climate change and how to mitigate climate change. This is done through shared knowledge as they face some challenges in getting experts who can give the effective and practical education.
- **Creating Opportunities for Farm and nonfarm businesses in West and Central Africa (CORY):**
This project aims at building entrepreneurial capacities for young boys and women between the ages of 18 to 35 years in farm and nonfarm businesses in West and Central Africa. Within the project I provided entrepreneurial training and mentoring as one of the master trainer for 40 trainers 10 from each of the following countries Nigeria, Benin, The Gambia and Cameroon. 600 young boys and women received entrepreneurial skills training in the 4 countries.
- **The Cameroon Academic Honor Roll Program:**
Considering the fact that academic recognition is at a low key in Cameroon, the “Cameroon Academic Honour Roll Program (CAHRP)” was developed that will help rekindle hard work and research. CAHRP has been running since 2012 till present in two Divisions (Mezam and Ngoketunjia) in the North West Region of Cameroon and has given over 1,000 awards to meritorious students, ex-students, teachers and exemplary community leaders.



Learning by doing is the best way of educating the young minds.

Above: Students of the club in India are cleaning the community and creating awareness about SDG's.



Activities in Nepal

- On January 13-14, we had in Kathmandu “Global Youth Peace Conference 2018” organized by the Youth Parliament Nepal in collaboration with GNSD Nepal. The team of GNSD Nepal, volunteered as well as learned many organizational skills. There were delegates from Bhutan, United States of America, Finland, Philippines, India, Poland and Sri Lanka.
- The Inauguration was held in the National Assembly Hall with participation of Nepali pride the CNN hero 2012/2016 Miss. Puspa Basnet, well known Nepalese actor Mr. Rajesh Hamal, respected former prime minister of Nepal Mr. Khil Raj Regmi, former chief justice of Nepal, ambassador of Bangladesh, and other respected people as chief guests. Young presidents of Peace and Sustainability Clubs in Hetauda (Binamra Adhikari and Aayush Mishra) shared with participants their experiences from activities of their clubs.





- GNSD had a panel at the Kathmandu Conference, in which the members of the panel presented their expertise, and discussed about the investment in youth. Here is the list of panelists:
- Dr. Marek Wosinski , Moderator, President of GNSD, Senior Sustainability Scientist, Arizona State University (USA); Mira Jankowska, Manager, Academy of Love, Warsaw (Poland); Birendra Kumar, Vice-President of GNSD; Director of Mahatma Gandhi College of Social Work; Director of the Non-Violence Project Foundation (India); Osee Lieberman, MA, Vice-President of GNSD, President of Halsten Enterprise (USA); Bibesh Manandhar , Regional Coordinator for GNSD (Nepal); Swapnil Rathood, CEO, Namaste Travel (India); Susan Risa, Chief Executive Officer, Nagarik Aavaz for Peace (Nepal); Marcus Wolf, Regional Coordinator (USA); Sumit Shrestha, Suryodaya, Founder and CEO of Diversity Group Nepal; Mathilde Rispoli, Regional Coordinator (USA); Stephen Daniel, Regional Coordinator (Uganda); Aayush Misra and Binamra Adhikari, Presidents of Clubs at the Reliance English Secondary Boarding School in Hetauda, Nepal.



- Nepali GNSD Team had a working session with the Leadership Team of YPN during which they discussed a draft of the grant proposal for the project aiming to create peace clubs for sustainability in all districts of Nepal. Also Ms. Mira Jankowski from Poland and Dr. Marek Wosinski were invited by TV Channel 12 for a one hour long interview about the conference.
- At the workshop Women Leaders in Action (WLA) 37 women peace activists from 35 districts of Nepal were present in the workshop. The women expressed their happiness and remembered the time when they couldn't even introduce themselves. Coming to this day, these women are well known in their community because of their leadership in peacebuilding. We also congratulated and gave a token of love to two women peace activists, Ms. Umita Bishwokarma and Ms. Rajina Budhathoki who have won in the provincial and local election respectively.
- Ms. Mira Jankowska and Dr. Marek Wosinski had an one hour long interview for the national TV during which they discussed the content of the International Peace Conference organized by Youth Parliament, as well as mission of GNSD in Nepal.



➤ Mathilde Rispoli and Marcus Wolf from Phoenix, Arizona who visited Katmandu for the peace conference were involved in the daily routine activities with the Nepali Team of GNSD.

➤ Nepali Team participated in the event that was organized by Youth Parliament Nepal with the purpose of promoting tourism in Nepal. Almost 200 youths participated in the event. The students from media sector, law, science and management etc. were present there. The event was designed so that youth debated in a topic/agenda given by the organizer in the same way of parliamentary system. The senior officer Mr. Mahat from Nepal Tourism Board also delivered a motivational speech.



➤ GNSD Nepali Team, revisited Hetauda. They were invited by the members of the Peace Club for Sustainability and Sustainability Club for Peace from Reliance English Secondary School. Together with the local Red Cross, we organized blood donation campaign. Students participated in organization of the event, and on this occasion also cleaned the neighborhood



- In search for funding GNSD Nepali Team initiated contacts with Asia Foundation, Rotary Clubs, Lion Clubs. The negotiations with these organizations will be continued in September, after the end of the Founding Year of GNSD. As the country believes that “Guests equals God” interns will experience the cultural living style of Nepal. We believe, interns will learn experience and share their academic qualification to the students of Nepal.
- In May the new club was created in Siddhasthali and Gaumati school, Nepal. Various activities to inculcate the value of sustainability were organized in the school.
- Rudeep Rajthala participated on Everest International Model United Nations held on 7-11 May 2018. This Model United Nation was regulated by Youth Thinker’s Society partnered with US Embassy. As, Chewan Rai (past president) provided a big platform for Rudeep Rajthala in aiming to work with the students in future where the clubs are created. He has already collaborated with Youth Thinker’s society to implement this work to our clubs.



- On world environment day member of peace for sustainability club and sustainability for peace club of Reliance English Secondary Boarding school organized tree plantation program in school and area surrounding school. They also prepared posters, banners, to create awareness about the project among local citizens. They also conducted a meeting to discuss the future plans, ideas, views, opinions, as well as their achievements. The events were coordinated by Sejal Adhikari (Vice-President of Sustainability Club) and Sukriti Khadka Vice-president of Peace Club.)
- In July GNSD Team had a meeting with Tenying Yangsel who recently came to Nepal from New York. She has extensive experience working with NGOs and agreed to join Nepali Team. She will facilitate several session teaching members of the team how to efficiently organize their work.
- GNSD Nepal Team had a meeting with Mr. Rewati Raman Dhakal who is a famous fund raiser. They had a chance to discuss about grant proposal which we are planning to submit for our Nepali Project.
- Sister school program was started in between a school in Poland which decided to help a school in Nepal. Through sister school program students are learning about the various issues in different countries and finding solutions to them.

Activities in USA



- The Sustainability for Peace club at Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Arizona, participated in their schools Earth Week celebration. The students shared the importance of sustainability and having a clean environment to their peers. Their club has created a new recycling system at their school and have encouraged others to share in their passion of developing a system that will consider them leaders in sustainable development. These students are a perfect example of learning by DOING. We, at GNSD, are so proud to have them in our global network!



Financial Report

In 2018 GNSD received a grant from Arizona Foundation in amount of \$ 25,000. The purpose of the grant was to support GNSD projects in Nepal where GNSD was officially launched. It was intentional choice as Arizona State University already had a partnership with Pokhara University, we had contact with the American Embassy in Kathmandu, as well as with a couple of community organizations. Finally, Nepal is still one of the poorest countries in the world, and this is promising a chance for creating in Nepal a model of sustainability and peace education for a developing country.

The funding was used to support five areas of activities related to the establishment of GNSD in Nepal:

1. Building a strong network by participation in conferences, workshops, and meetings with various organization

(Total expenses: \$12,111.36)

- 1.1. Participation in the International Conference on Agriculture in Emerging Economies organized by TERI University in New Delhi.

This event had a special significance for Nepal where almost 100 % of youth is running away from farming, and moving to the cities. In our vision for Nepal we were seeing the role of Sustainability Clubs in providing relevant agricultural education to students that could change this attitude.

- 1.2. Networking in Singapore

Dr. Marek Wosinski, President of GNSD, and Bibesh Manandhar, Regional Coordinator for Nepal visited Singapore. The purpose of this visit was to find potential sponsors for projects in Nepal, and further down the road, schools that would be willing to participate in our GNSD Sister Schools project started in Nepal. They visited The HEAD Foundation (THF), National Institute of Education, and Centre for Environmental Studies at the National University of Singapore.

- 1.3 Participation in the Global Youth Peace Conference organized by the Youth Parliament of Nepal in Kathmandu.

As it was an international conference, and many governmental officials and representations from local community organizations were present, it was a great opportunity for GNSD to make its presence in Nepal visible, and to find new partners. This was the reason why we decided to bring to Nepal our activists from India, USA, Uganda and Poland, as this diversified representation could visualize the global character of our network. GNSD had there a panel during which the members of the panel presented their expertise, as well as their perspective on importance of investment in Nepali youth.

1.4. Participation at the President of the General Assembly's High-level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in New York.

As the topic of this conference is overlapping with the mission of GNSD, we agreed that participation in it could not only improve our vision on peace and sustainability education, but first and foremost would allow us to make new partnerships that would increase our chances to receive grants for future projects not only for Nepal, but as well for India and other Asian countries. Therefore, we decided that Birendra Kumar and Osee Lieberman, Vice-Presidents of GNSD, as well as Dr. Marek Wosinski, President of GNSD, will participate in this conference.

1.5. Working meeting with IKDAR (Imran Khan Development Academic Research) in Washington.

IKDAR approached GNSD with the request to help them to create a system of peace and sustainability education in Pakistan, and all South Asian countries. The collaboration should begin with organization in Nepal, India and Pakistan of conferences with participation of teachers, students, governmental officials, representatives of corporate business and academia with the purpose of creating a strategic plan for such system specific for each country.

2. Creating in Nepal a strong team that could run our programs for the next few years

(Salaries for the team members: \$ 4,370.00)

3. Providing the team with the infrastructure needed to work daily by creating a GNSD office.

(Office expenses: \$ 8, 075.00)

4. Developing and maintaining the internet platform for the network that could support local and global communication between members.

(Expenses: \$ 1,100.00)

5. Creating first Sustainability and Peace Clubs that could serve as a model for further development of the network in Nepal
(covered by salaries)

TOTAL SPENDINGS: \$ 25,656.36

Sustainable Development Goals aligned with our projects



- Sustainable Development Goals are at the very heart of GNSD. GNSD incorporates SDGs in its mission and plans to work on SDG's by educating the youth about them.
- Our various projects are directly aligned with SDG4, 10,11,17,12,13 and 18.
- The initiatives are not just limited to the above-mentioned SDGs but since our agenda is to educate the youth on SDGs, we are directly or indirectly impacting all the 17 SDGs.

Our Partners

Partner Organizations

- Department of Psychology, Arizona State University
- Belouga Inc.
- The Biodesign Institute, Arizona State University
- Global Ed.
- World Academy for the Future of Women
- SusTransCon
- The Halsten Enterprise
- Global Interactions Inc.
- Center for Community Based Research
- Never Again Rwanda



Above: Students learning and practicing about sustainable farming practices.



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Above: School children planting trees and learning about SDG's.