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Virtual Familiarization Week • Sept 21-29 “A sustainable future for all”

The Collective's global partners invite you to experience virtual international education firsthand.

As study abroad programs have been grounded globally, the Collective has intensified efforts to support virtual exchange and other varying modes of international education. To help our partners gain a deeper understanding of the value of virtual programming and the types of opportunities that are possible, we invite you to become a participant and experience a virtual activity firsthand.

"A sustainable future for all", the theme for our events will focus on topics related to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#). Learn about sustainability initiatives in each of the Collective's global regions as we work together to build a more sustainable future for the field of international education.

*All sessions are **free to register** and designed for international educators (university staff and faculty) regardless of background in the topic area. Some sessions have a participant limit, so we encourage you to register early.*

Monday, Sept 21

Asia

Achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals: NGO and Community Engagement in Asia.

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have played a major role in pushing for sustainable development at the international level. During this 1-hour session, featured panelists from [Habitat for Humanity Japan](#), [Sangob Foundation \(Thailand\)](#), and [Cambodia Rural Students Trust](#) will discuss how their organizations engage with local communities, schools, farmers, students, disadvantaged groups, and more, to build a more sustainable future by fostering connection among broad communities.

Time: 8-9pm EDT

Host: The Asia Institute

Format: PANEL SESSION, Q&A

Due to the format of activities, this session will be limited to 100 participants.

Tuesday, Sept 22

Africa

The Pursuit of Environmental Justice in Africa.

When addressing environmental challenges in Africa and around the world, it is quickly apparent that the effects of environmental degradation weigh disproportionately on the most vulnerable communities. This session offers participants an opportunity to look into the impact of Environmental Injustice in an African community and engage with a local organization working to protect natural habitats and create healthier living environments. Discussions enable participants to reflect on Environmental Justice in their own context and seek out ways of advocating for environmentally healthier living spaces both locally and globally.

Time: 10-11:30am EDT**Host:** EDU Africa**Format: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & REFLECTIVE DISCUSSIONS**

Due to the format of activities, this session will be limited to 60 participants.

Wednesday, Sept 23

Europe

Social Responsibility and Sustainability.

One of the major challenges humanity is facing today is achieving a balanced economic, social and environment development. Adopting a circular economy is one of the ways to tackle this challenge. What is sustainability, why, and when did the concept develop, and why is it of crucial strategic importance for business? What is the UN 2030 Agenda? What is a circular economy? What are the key sustainable strategies that businesses can employ? How can students have an impact already individually (locally and globally)? Let's explore these challenges and opportunities together through CEPA Foundation's immersive virtual experience and exchange with [Cynthia Imesch](#), a sustainability expert based in Switzerland.

Time: 10-11am EDT**Host:** CEPA Foundation**Format: CEPA LEARNING PLATFORM EXPERIENCE + LIVE EXCHANGE & HANDS-ON ACTIVITY WITH EXPERT**

Thursday, Sept 24

South America

From Green Energy to Sustainable Solution: How can we offer affordable renewable energy?

Across South America, affordable and clean energy is pivotal to improve the living conditions of its population. From major urban centers such as Lima to Medellín, passing through Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires, to the remote rural areas, most countries' economic development relies heavily on the usage of energy. Throughout history, a constructive dialogue between the private, the public, and the third sector has aimed to find a strategic solution to generate a feasible answer serving the communities with the greatest need. This session will challenge its participants to find ways to promote a sustainable solution to generating energy infrastructure and clean energy technology.

Time: 5-6:30pm EDT

Host: Campus b

Format: CHALLENGE-BASED LEARNING & REFLECTION

Due to the format of activities, this session will be limited to 60 participants.

Tuesday, Sept 29

Global

Virtual Open House.

Representatives from each Global Learning Collective region will be available to answer your questions about the programming and support we offer our institutional partners. Log on at the beginning of the session to hear a short presentation about virtual programs and stay afterward for as long as you'd like to ask questions and engage in conversation.

Time: 11am-12pm EDT

Format: Q&A, BREAKOUT ROOMS

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