

Training Tomorrow's Environmental Analysts

Vocational Training Programme for assisting in Mastering IoT and Sensor Technologies in Namibia, Rwanda and Zimbabwe

SUSTAIN-IT Project in a Nutshell

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION





WHO WE ARE

SUSTAIN-IT is an ERASMUS+ Capacity Building VET project co-funded by the European Commission to empower Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Schools with the skills and tools to tackle climate change and inspire the next generation of innovators.

By combining green education with **digital technologies** like IoT, Arduino, and sensor devices, educators and learners will learn to monitor the environment, **identify local challenges**, and develop impactful solutions.

SUSTAIN-IT will develop three use cases for green monitoring in solar energy, air quality, and water quality.











WHERE WE WORK



We work in three sub-Saharan African Countries:

- 1. Namibia
- 2. Rwanda
- 3. Zimbabwe







THE CONSORTIUM



SUSTAIN-IT is a consortium of seven partners from five different countries across Europe and Africa

EUROPE

- 1. SPAIN
- Politeknika TXORIERRI
- Asociación MUNDUS
- 2. ITALY
- APRO Formazione

AFRICA

- 3. RWANDA
- DON BOSCO Provincialat
- 4. 7IMBABWF
- Harare Insitute of Public Health (HIPH)
- SIMUKAI Vocational Skills Training Hub
- 5. NAMIBIA
- APODISSI



WHAT WE DO



SUSTAIN-IT aims to modernise Sub-Saharan African TVET centers, reduce youth dropout rates, and encourage more women into technical fields, transforming education into a powerful tool for climate action and sustainable development through the implementation of **Environmental Monitoring Analysis** modules for trainers and students.









IMPLEMENTATION





We are developing a train the trainers programme to upskill TVET **Teachers** in Africa



We are developing 3 use cases for experiential learning with **Students**



All developed materials will be uploaded on the <u>Smart</u>
<u>Step</u> platform, where they will be **freely** accessible and **downloadable** for all VET learners to study at their own pace





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WHY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS RELEVANT TODAY?





Environmental education is the process of **teaching** individuals and communities about the natural environment, the challenges it faces, and how human actions **impact** it. It promotes awareness, knowledge, skills, and values necessary to foster sustainable practices and protect the planet.





The fundamental elements of environmental education are;



- Awareness: Creating awareness on the understanding of ecological systems, biodiversity, and human impacts on the environment.
- Knowledge: Learning about climate change, pollution, resource depletion, and conservation. Developing abilities to analyse environmental issues and take action.
- Attitudes: Encouraging responsibility, respect for nature, and sustainable values.
- Participation: Engaging in activities like recycling, tree planting, and advocacy.





Why Environmental Education is Relevant Today?



Climate Crisis: Rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss necessitate urgent action.

Pollution & Waste: Plastic pollution, air/water contamination, and e-waste threaten ecosystems and health.

Resource Depletion: Overconsumption of water, forests, and fossil fuels demands sustainable alternatives.

Empowering Future Generations: Youth need tools to advocate for green policies and innovations.

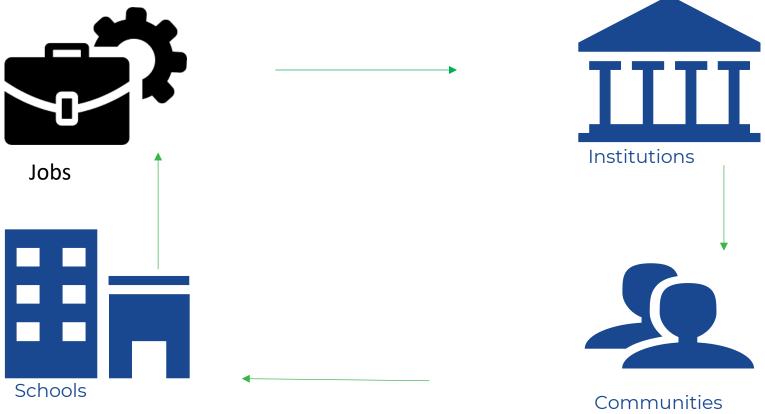
Policy & Global Goals: Supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), like Climate Action (SDG 13) and Life on Land (SDG 15).



Call to Action!



To create an eco-literate society that can tackle **ecological crises** through informed decisions and sustainable practices, **environmental education** is vital in our **schools**, **workplaces**, government institutions and **communities**.





Our Project Partners





















Thankyou







