

Earth Science Education Initiative in Africa

Based on requests from African National Committees of the International Year of Planet Earth, the Director General of UNESCO announced a new Earth Science Education Initiative at the regional launch of the International Year of Planet Earth in Arusha, Tanzania on 8 May 2008.



The overall intention of this Initiative is to support the development of the next generation of earth scientists in Africa who are equipped with the necessary tools, networks and perspectives to apply sound science to solving and benefiting from the challenges and opportunities of sustainable development. The opportunities in the earth sciences are great, starting with traditional mineral extraction and extending into environmental management such as climate change adaptation, prevention of natural hazards, and ensuring access to drinking water. [See Calendar](#)

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