

Green school quality standard

Greening every learning environment

Where to find the Green school quality standard?



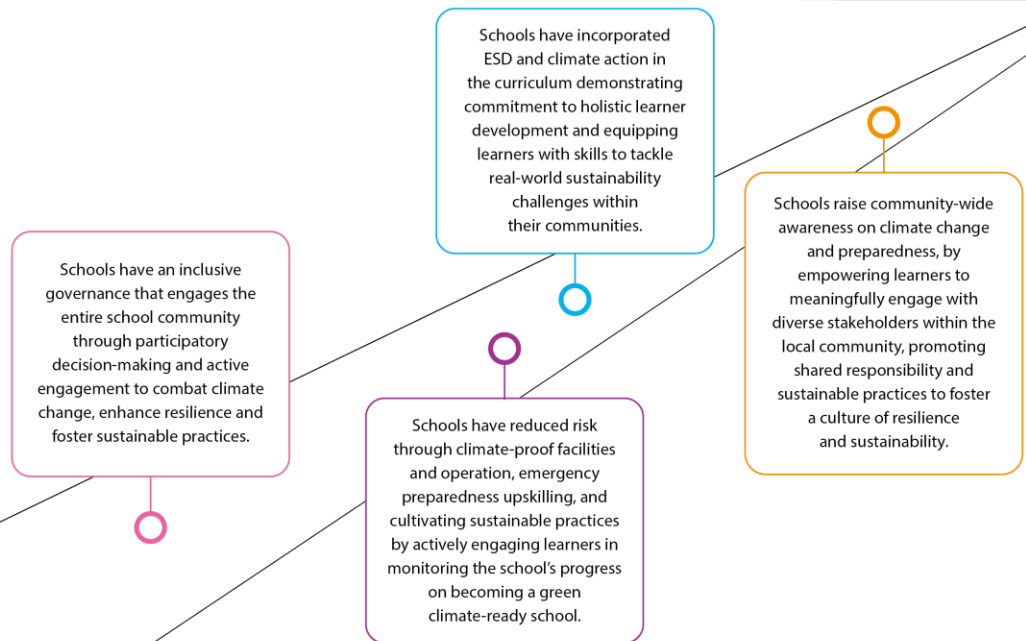
What is the Green school quality standard?

A climate-ready green learning environment should...

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE	TEACHING AND LEARNING
<p>...entrust the Green Committee to develop a Green School vision and policy and cover 1/3 of suggested activities on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Cultivating sustainable practices ▶ Ensuring daily sustainable practices ▶ Resilience and climate proof governance ▶ Establishing a green community 	<p>...develop lesson plans on ESD and climate change education and cover 1/3 of suggested activities on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Integrating ESD with an emphasis on climate change in teaching and learning ▶ Fostering meaningful connections beyond the school ▶ Hands-on projects and initiatives ▶ Leadership and capacity building
FACILITIES AND OPERATION	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
<p>...set up a monitoring team and cover 1/3 of suggested activities on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Climate education, awareness and training ▶ Developing a climate-friendly infrastructure ▶ Ensuring climate resilience and disaster preparedness ▶ Promoting school safety and educational continuity management ▶ Promoting green procurement and ethical purchasing 	<p>...organize awareness campaigns for the school and the surrounding community and cover 1/3 of suggested activities on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Building climate resilience in the community ▶ School's contribution to community resilience to climate change ▶ Local community support for education responses to climate change ▶ General community-based climate awareness



BY 2030
At least 50% of schools in each country greened



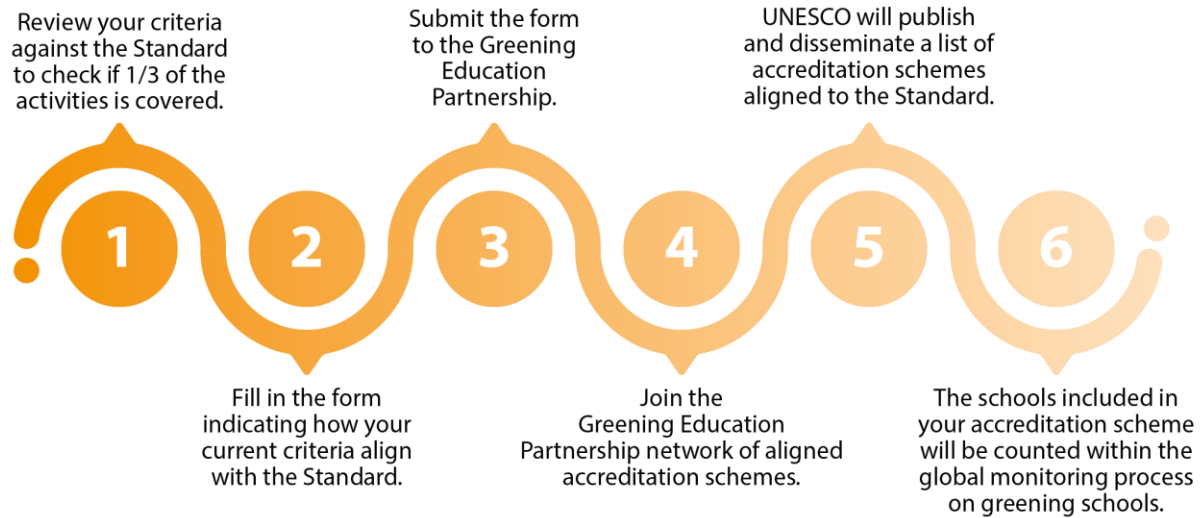
For example: School governance

CULTIVATING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES			
Essential action	<p>Entrust the Green Committee (see below) to develop a Green School vision and policy with clear goals, strategies and targets that outline the whole school's commitment to addressing climate change and other aspects of sustainability. This would include management of energy and water resources, waste management, green procurement, green buildings, integrating climate action for mitigation and adaptation and community engagement as well as strategies for emergency preparedness that enhance resilience to climate-related disasters.</p>	Low to Moderate	✓

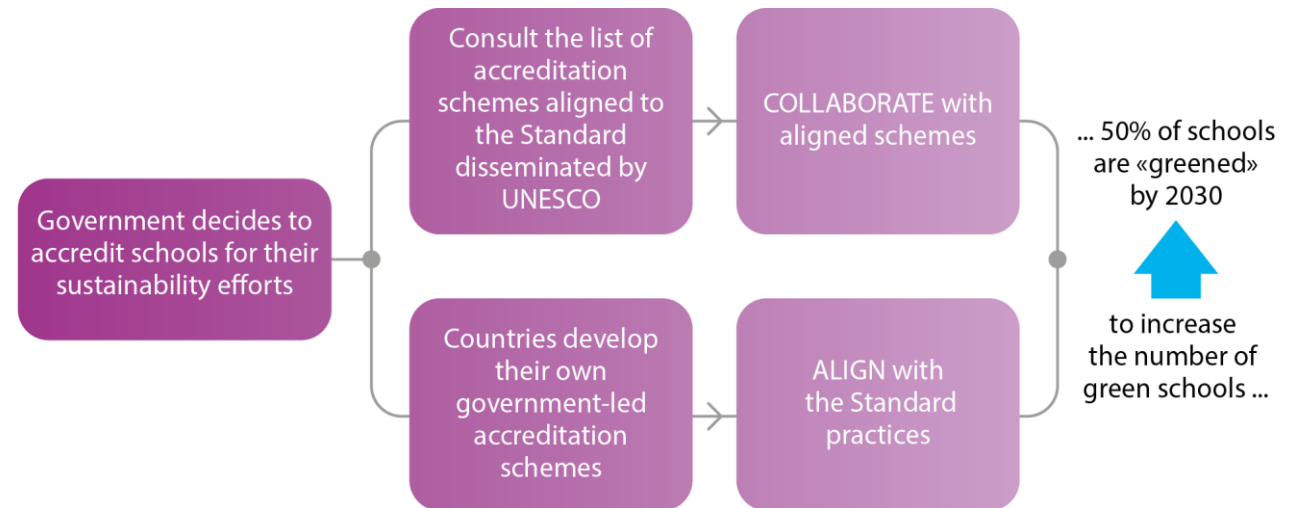
Action related to ...					
Action	Level of resources needed	Policy development	Stakeholder engagement	Integrating into the curriculum	Advocacy & partnerships
<p>Establish a commitment to professional learning about ESD practice among school leaders. This would entail cultivating a whole school approach by creating a coherent ESD vision that supports professional development and curriculum planning to guarantee ESD for all learners, and increases understanding of local, national and international ESD policies.</p>	Moderate to High	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Provide professional development opportunities for teachers to improve their understanding of climate change and other aspects of sustainability and teaching methodologies, and assist them in the integration of climate change across the curriculum.</p>	Moderate to High			✓	
<p>Organize cross-curricular projects that allow learners to apply knowledge and skills from multiple subjects to address climate change and other aspects of sustainability.</p>	Moderate to High			✓	
ENSURING DAILY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES					
<p>Establish a Green Committee from various representatives of the school community (i.e. learners, staff, parents and community members) other learning centres and governing bodies. This committee will be responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring climate action and other green initiatives, including emergency preparedness measures within the school and in the wider community aiming to achieve the representation of youth, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples and other minority groups while promoting gender balance through girls/women representation, and inclusivity.</p>	Low to Moderate	✓	✓		✓

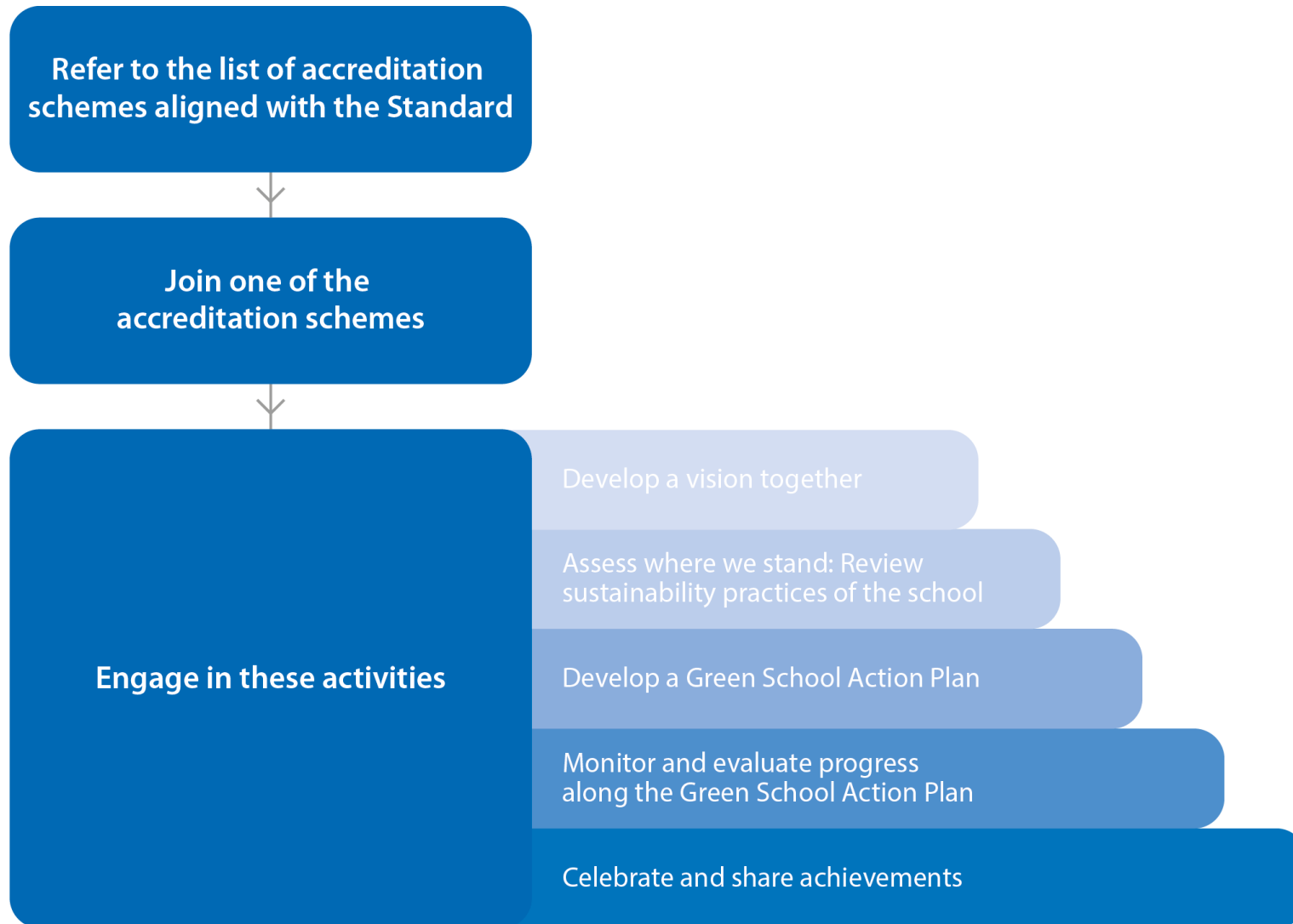
Implementation pathways to green every learning environments

Accreditation schemes



Governments





Summary of strategic pathways for implementing the Green school quality standard

Accreditation scheme organizers	Governments	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Review your programme's criteria.▶ Meet the minimum threshold of alignment.▶ Support schools to become climate-ready and contribute to achieving the global target of 50% of schools becoming green climate-ready schools by 2030.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Refer to the list of accreditation schemes aligned with the Standard.▶ Collaborate with aligned accreditation schemes or develop a government-led scheme aligned with the Standard.▶ Support the national transition of schools to become green climate-ready schools and contribute to achieving the global target of 50% of schools becoming green climate-ready schools by 2030.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Refer to the list of accreditation schemes aligned with the Standard.▶ Consider joining an accreditation scheme aligned with the Standard.▶ Follow a WIA in your journey to becoming a green climate-ready school.