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# IHEID Environmental Committee

## Annual Report 2019



## Foreword:

With nearly every experience in life, what you get from it largely depends on what you put into it, and studying at the Graduate Institute is no different. Our experiences with the Environmental Committee have been an integral part of our time at IHEID. It has been an excellent avenue from which to meaningfully engage in student life at the Institute, and has created lasting memories and friendships with fellow students who share this motivation.

In the past year, the Environmental Committee has continued many of its successful longstanding projects, large and small, while also exploring new opportunities. We have formed partnerships with others at IHEID, in international Geneva, and across Switzerland, finding new ways to promote sustainability.

You have likely heard that climate change, and indeed many environmental issues, are “collective action problems”; that is, they require genuine buy-in from everyone, and each of us has a role to play. Our experience over the past year has shown us both the challenges and the opportunities of this reality. The success of events such as Swiss Sustainability Week and mobilization for the global climate strikes are clear indications of the growing awareness of the urgent need to embrace more sustainable lifestyles. Yet our work is far from finished. A sustainable future demands a commitment to sustainability today, both inwardly and outwardly, as individuals and as an institution.

As our term comes to its close, we would like to again thank all of our members for their commitment to the EC, for their passion for environmental issues, and for their trust in us over the past year. It has truly been a privilege to work with all of you, and we are proud of what we have been able to achieve together.

Looking ahead, it is inspiring to see the ideas and the initiative of our current Environmental Committee members, with many new projects underway. We are excited to see how the Environmental Committee continues to evolve and grow under the leadership of its new President Zaninka Marianne Ntagungira, and Vice-President Anna Ploeg and we are confident that they will continue to advance the important work of the Environmental Committee as a voice for sustainability at IHEID and beyond.

**Environmental Committee 2019**

**Spencer Williams (President)**

**Nina Bianchi (Vice-President)**

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**The Graduate Institute** for their support through the Head of Sustainable Development, Vanessa Valerio, and their financial contribution to student committees and initiatives through GISA. Thanks also to the IHEID Library, the Career Services office, and Alumni Relations for your partnership.

**The IHEID cafeteria (Novae)** for their partnership on the Save the Food project, their openness, and for their willingness to collaborate to better serve IHEID students.

**All external partners**, including the University of Geneva, Geneva Peace Week, and the Perception Change Project for the opportunities that they have created for the Environmental Committee to expand and access new audiences.

**And to everyone who has been involved with the Environmental Committee in some form or another.**

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# 1. Executive Summary

The IHEID Environmental Committee celebrates a successful 2019 thanks to its members, students from various academic backgrounds who continue to demonstrate their dedication to promote sustainability at IHEID and in Geneva. As a specialized committee of GISA, the Environmental Committee represents the needs and concerns of the entire student body, and operates numerous ongoing projects to improve sustainability at IHEID.

In addition, the Environmental Committee organized a diverse range of events, from outdoor excursions to panel discussions. Of particular note this year were new events such as the Sustainability Challenge, which built momentum for Swiss Sustainability Week. Collaboration with the United Nations Perception Change Project will enable the Environmental Committee to reach new audiences, as will the forthcoming Ecologist podcast. Through these various activities, the Environmental Committee seeks to fulfill its five core missions: Sustainable Lifestyle, Sustainable Institute, Sustainable Events, Sustainable Curricula & Sustainable Networking (details in Annex I).

The Environmental Committee continues to enjoy strong working relationships at IHEID, increasing collaboration with student initiatives under GISA, and working with the administration, cafeteria, and library to promote sustainability at the Institute. The community garden project is a promising new opportunity. However, the Environmental Committee regrets the often-slow process to achieve small changes in areas such as recycling, and the lack of available baseline data. The Environmental Committee encourages IHEID to leverage its influence as a respected institution to not only strive for sustainability, but to champion these values among its students as leaders of tomorrow, as well as in Geneva, across Switzerland, and for other Institutes of Higher Education.

The past year has been characterized by a growing youth voice for meaningful action on climate change, including the rise of global climate strikes. The Environmental Committee has welcomed the passion and energy of our members to push for changes large and small, to ensure that we as a community and an institution live and operate sustainably.

Annual elections were held in November. Zaninka Marianne Ntagungira will replace Spencer Williams as President, and Anna Ploeg will succeed Nina Bianchi as Vice-President of the Environmental Committee in 2020. The Environmental Committee looks forward to continuing its efforts on sustainability at the Graduate Institute in 2020.

May the Forest be with you!

## 2. Environmental Committee 2019 Activities & Achievements

Over the course of the spring and fall semester 2019, the Environmental Committee actively supported GISA in its mandate towards the IHEID student body, and organized numerous events to raise awareness and foster sustainability at IHEID. It continued to operate various long-term projects to promote and improve a sustainable lifestyle, and has entered into several new partnerships as well. The EC events and projects primarily target IHEID students, although many activities also engage a significant number of people in Geneva, and International Geneva in particular.

### 2.1 GISA Mandate

The Environmental Committee is a specialized student committee at IHEID. As such, it is differentiated from student initiatives in that it serves the entire student body, rather than operating as a thematic interest group. Accordingly, the entire student body has the right to vote in the annual Environmental Committee presidential and vice-presidential elections at the end of November each year.

In addition, the president of the Environmental Committee, together with the presidents of each of other two specialized committees (Welfare Committee and Professional Development Committee) holds a seat on the GISA Board. All three committee presidents work as GISA Board members to help carry out the GISA mandate as it pertains to each respective committee's area of focus.

The Environmental Committee's key responsibilities within GISA include:

1. Promoting sustainability at the Campus Maison de la Paix
2. Managing the cafeteria-student relationship
3. Serving as a student representative for the new student residence
4. Support of GISA events, such as General Assembly & Welcome Month

### *Sustainable Campus*

In promoting sustainability at the Institute, the Environmental Committee works closely with the IHEID head of sustainable development, Vanessa Valerio. Overall, the Environmental Committee is pleased with the progress towards sustainability at the Campus Maison de la Paix, and appreciates the effort made in this regard. However, the Environmental Committee regrets that this progress is often incremental in nature. To this end, the Environmental Committee has drafted a policy agenda based on the national Sustainability Week Switzerland template to work with IHEID to prioritize next steps.

On a daily basis, challenges persist regarding correct recycling, particularly the disposal of biodegradable products, despite ongoing efforts to raise awareness of this problem. The Environmental Committee and IHEID continue to work together to develop a solution to this issue. A broader challenge continues to be a lack of available baseline data for the sustainability footprint of both Maison de la Paix and the Picciotto Student Residence, with regard to energy consumption, water use, and waste generation (printing is a notable exception). This in turn makes it difficult to advocate for quantifiable improvements.

### ***Cafeteria-student relationship***

The IHEID cafeteria is operated by Novae, with whom the Environmental Committee maintains a good relationship. The Environmental Committee appreciates the openness and willingness of the Novae management to engage constructive dialogue with the student body. Most notably, the Environmental Committee values the cafeteria's cooperation on the Save the Food project, an initiative to minimize food waste at the cafeteria and the ongoing efforts taken by the cafeteria to be sustainable. The Environmental Committee also worked with the cafeteria and various student initiatives to offer regional features during Gender & Diversity month in November.

A recurring student concern is the level of prices in the cafeteria. While the Environmental Committee respects the constraints that Novae faces as a private entity, it continues to advocate for affordable options. The Environmental Committee maintains constant dialogue with the manager of the cafeteria, Geoffrey Moreau, and has published a detailed price list with all the student discounts. The Environmental Committee has also expressed student requests regarding the availability of vegan and vegetarian meal options, and thanks the cafeteria for taking steps to address this, particularly during Sustainability Week.

Finally, the Environmental Committee continues to work with the IHEID cafeteria and Vanessa Valerio to promote uptake of the Re-Box programme, as part of the common goal of eliminating single-use products in the cafeteria. One challenge that has emerged is the need to replace cutlery and glasses on a regular basis. The Environmental Committee requests all members of the IHEID community respect this property and not remove items from the cafeteria space.

## ***New Student Residence***

The President of the Environmental Committee has had a seat in the student committee for the new student residence, participating in meetings with the IHEID administration and providing inputs on overall student needs and sustainability. The new student residence will have 50% green roofs with the possibility of creating a space for urban gardening, with sufficient bicycle parking for all residents. Discussions regarding the details of the green roofs are ongoing. For further information, please refer to the GISA President.

## ***Support for GISA Events***

The Environmental Committee actively supports GISA with the organization of events. In particular, it helped with the organization of the GISA General Assembly and the Welcome Month 2019 (additional details below).

## **2.2 Events**

The Environmental Committee organized and participated in a wide range of events in 2019. In addition to many smaller events, and the continuation of larger events such as Swiss Sustainability Week in April and Welcome Month in September, a particular highlight was the introduction of the Sustainability Challenge in March. Below is an overview of some of the events organized by the Environmental Committee in 2019.

### **Spring 2019**

#### ***Saint-Cergue Snowshoeing Trips – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>***

After a great experience in 2018, the Environmental Committee decided to gear up again, break away from the overcast weather in Geneva, and get knee-deep in the snow on our winter snowshoeing trips! The activity was so popular that we divided the trip into two consecutive Saturdays, travelling into the Jura Vaudois region to embark on our snowshoeing adventure through the upland valley slopes. After taking in some spectacular mountain views, we continued our journey, descending back into the charming village center of Saint Cergue to indulge in the wonderful Swiss tradition of Fondue at the local restaurant, Maison de Ville. Gathered around a large table next to the fireplace, we exchanged bread, cheese, wine, and laughs. There could not be a more perfect meal after a long day in the snow!



### *Global Climate Strike: March 15<sup>th</sup>*

Over 100 countries and an estimated 1.5 million people around the world participated in the global climate strike on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and Geneva was no exception. The Environmental Committee led a delegation from IHEID to call for climate action. Read about the importance of this movement [here](#), from EC member Dario Seigen.



### *Sustainability Challenge: March 18<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>*

To build interest and momentum ahead of Swiss Sustainability Week, the Environmental Committee organized a 15-day Sustainability Challenge to encourage members of the IHEID community to be more aware and sustainable in their daily lives. The challenge took place from March 18<sup>th</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Participants could compete individually or in teams. Each day featured a different challenge, and points were awarded based on proof of completion of each day's task. Over 50 teams comprising 100 individuals took part, and we look forward to building on the success of this event in 2020.



### *Swiss Sustainability Week: April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>*

In partnership with the Etudiant-e-s pour le Développement Durable (EDD) at UNIGE, the Environmental Committee organized Swiss Sustainability Week 2019 in Geneva, as part of the nation-wide Swiss Sustainability Week organization. Each day had an overarching theme (Climate Change, Oceans & Plastic, Role of the Private Sector, Food & Water Security, and Local Actions), and featured numerous activities, from film screenings and panel discussions to interactive activities such as a bike tour and vegan baking workshop. This is the largest project that the Environmental Committee undertook in 2019, and would not have been possible without the dedication of the organizing team and all of the volunteers who contributed in various forms.



### *Thesis Brainstorming Session*

Although EC members have diverse academic backgrounds, many seek to engage with an environment-related topic for their Master's dissertation. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, EC members Annika Erickson-Pearson and Gianluca Gygax led a brainstorming session for several students seeking inspiration, and offered guidance for the research and writing process.

### *"Paws to De-Stress"*

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Environmental Committee partnered with the Welfare Committee to offer "Paws to De-Stress". This popular event brought several rescued dogs to Maison de la Paix to provide a study break during final exams while also generating discussion about animal welfare.

## **Summer & Welcome Month 2019**

### *Climate Action Accelerator*

During the summer, a number of Environmental Committee members met with Bruno Jochum, one of the leaders of the Climate Action Accelerator project housed at GCSP. Students discussed the project and offered feedback for its ongoing development. Multiple EC members have since gone on to work on the project itself.

### *Welcome Month Activities*

Arriving at a new school, and for many students, a new city and country can be daunting. In addition to supporting GISA activities such as the Welcome BBQ, the Environmental Committee sought to ease this transition by offering multiple events designed to help incoming students feel at home at IHEID and in Geneva.



- *Salève hike*: On September 7<sup>th</sup>, over 30 students hiked up nearby Mount Salève to get out of the city and explore the beautiful surroundings.
- *Market Tour*: Geneva boasts several excellent markets that offer fresh and local groceries at lower prices than the supermarkets. This tour was also a great way for incoming students to get to know their way around the city.
- *Flea Market*: With many people leaving Geneva at the end of the summer, many are looking to part with things that they no longer need. At the same time, incoming students are looking to settle in to their new homes. The Environmental Committee's flea market links these two groups, reducing waste and fostering a sense of community.
- *Welcome Apéro*: The Environmental Committee partnered with the MINT Programme and the Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES) to welcome incoming students, particularly those interested in the Environment, Resources, and Sustainability specialization track. This event was a chance to learn about the Environmental Committee, meet with professors, and get to know other 1st and 2nd year students interested in environment and sustainability, while enjoying delicious refreshments.
- *Welcome Booklet*: The Environmental Committee also produced a guidebook of helpful tips for incoming students for living sustainably in Geneva, from recycling and groceries to transportation and recreation. The booklet is available on the [EC website](#), please contact us if you have any suggestions that we could add!



## Autumn 2019

### *Climate Strikes*

On Friday 27 September, students from IHEID joined thousands in Geneva and millions around the world in a Global Climate Strike. Participants marched together to deliver a clear, fundamental message: we are facing a global climate emergency and transformative action is urgently needed.

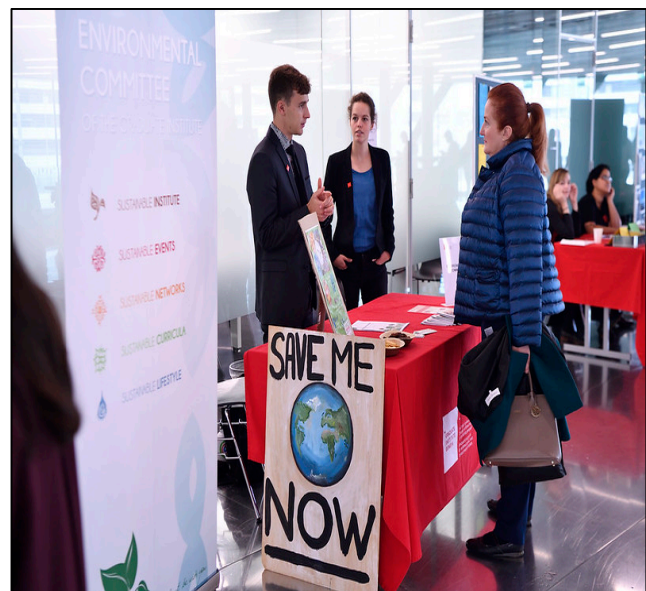
Several students took part in a similar demonstration a week earlier at the Palais des Nations, and others travelled to Bern on 28 September for the national Swiss Climate Strike. Inspired by Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, these climate strikes have swept around the globe over the past year, leading millions, predominantly young people, to speak out to demand change.

### *Désalpe Festival*

Désalpe is an annual Swiss alpine festival to mark the end of summer, with farmers bringing their cows down from the mountains and parading them through the town. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, over 25 students travelled by train to St-Cergue to enjoy the festival. In addition to the cows, there was traditional music, dress, and food.

### *Alumni Reunion*

The Environmental Committee along with many other IHEID student organizations participated in the 2019 Alumni Reunion on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event was an opportunity to share with IHEID alumni the work that the Environmental Committee does, and identify potential partnerships for future projects. 2019 EC President Spencer Williams also participated in a panel discussion following the screening of the film *Demain*, which explores sustainable solutions at the local community level.



### *Geneva Peace Week*

For Geneva Peace Week 2020, the IHEID Environmental Committee partnered with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) to organize the event “Creating a Future for All: Climate Justice and Peacebuilding” on November 6 at the Palais des Nations. The event, which enjoyed a large, engaged audience, aimed to give voice to experts in climate justice, vulnerable populations, youth, and decision-makers working to include climate justice concerns in their national and international policies. The panel was followed by breakout sessions in which panelists engaged in spirited discussion with attendees, agreeing that climate justice is essential to the success of the sustainable development goals, and to achieving peace. Read more about the event, as reported in The Graduate Press [here](#).

#### Panelists:

- Nahla Haidar, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Lindsey Fielder Cook, Representative on Climate Change, QUNO
- Silja Halle, Programme Manager, Joint UN Environment, UNDP, UN Women and Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) Programme on Promoting Gender-Responsive Approaches to Natural Resource Management for Peacebuilding
- Mr. Didier Georges, Counsellor, Haitian Mission

#### Moderator:

- María Paloma Noriega Jalil, Environmental Committee



## 2.3 Projects

In addition to its various events, the Environmental Committee operates numerous projects on an ongoing basis to promote a sustainable lifestyle among the IHEID community. In 2019, new projects were launched, including the Ecologist podcast and the IHEID Community Garden.



**SCOOP:** The Student Food Cooperative is a non-profit movement that seeks to raising awareness about the importance of local food production and consumption. To achieve this, the Environmental Committee organizes a weekly sale of local products, including chickpeas and lentils, nuts, seeds, dried fruit in the most central location of the Graduate Institute, Petal 2.

**Recycling Library:** The Environmental Committee collects printed class readings from students at the entrance of the IHEID library (drop-off station). Papers are alphabetically sorted and catalogued in a Google Sheet, and placed at the pick-up station located on Level 2, next to Bubble G2 in the IHEID library. In the absence of a formal system, the Recycling Library relies on the goodwill of the IHEID student community. In 2019, our collection grew dramatically to include more than 500 papers. The Google Sheet, which includes with instructions on how to use the library is available [here](#).



**Save the Food:** The Save the Food project originated from a desire to reduce food waste at the Graduate Institute, and it has become a favourite service of the Environmental Committee among the student body. Each Friday when the campus cafeteria closes, members of the Environmental Committee collect leftover food that would otherwise go to waste and deliver it to students in the Picciotto common room. Food is collected by students on a first come, first serve basis.





*Cutlery Loan Service:* To reduce the use of single use plates, cups, and cutlery, the Environmental Committee operates a loan programme for other student committees and initiatives. The service was increasingly used in 2019, especially in the Fall semester, and the Environmental Committee aims to expand its inventory to serve more events.

*The Ecologist Podcast:* As a part of the Institute's new Podcasting Initiative, a team from the EC is creating an environmental related segment. Once a month, we will be releasing an English or French episode discussing new fascinating topics related to environmental issues such as sustainability, urban farming, biodiversity, and other thought-provoking subjects such as the impact of a vegan versus vegetarian diet. We will also explore how our individual actions impact the environment and ways in which we can change our habits to become more eco-friendly.



While answering the environmental related question of the month, the co-hosts will interview a practitioner in the field, an entrepreneur or a professor to try to gain insight into said issue or topic of discussion. At the end of each episode, we hope to inspire listeners and to get them involved by taking part in our monthly sustainability challenge. Stay tuned for our first pilot episode launching in February 2020 and feel free to send topic suggestions to the Environmental Committee at the Graduate Institute on themes in relation to the environment that you'd like to learn more about!

*IHEID Community Garden:* In September 2019, IHEID announced that in partnership with the Ville de Genève and the Canton de Genève, a community garden project will be established in Park Rigot, next to Maison de la Paix. The Environmental Committee has participated in several information sessions and workshops to plan the physical and operational design of the project. The garden will join all members of the IHEID community in the theme of “gathering together”. An IHEID questionnaire received strong support for the community garden project, and the Environmental Committee looks forward to helping make it operational by Spring 2020.



### 3. Environmental Committee Relations

The Environmental Committee has a wide network of relationships within IHEID and within International Geneva. The aim of these relationships is to build synergies and facilitate the work of the Environmental Committee, as well as providing network opportunities to the Environmental Committee members.

#### 3.1 Relationships with the IHEID Community

*IHEID Head of Sustainable Development:* (Vanessa Valerio). The IHEID head of sustainable development is the Environmental Committee's first point of contact when discussing events, projects or other matters with the IHEID administration. As such, the IHEID head of sustainability is a huge help for the Environmental Committee. Furthermore, cooperation extends to various events, such as Blood Donation Day, Vegetarian Days, Health and Well-being Week, Sustainability Week, etc. The Environmental Committee and Vanessa (along with Johan Den Arend) engaged in an outreach visit to ETH Zurich to share best practices in May. Similar visits to other universities are planned for 2020.

*Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES):* (Joëlle Noailly and Andhina Kusumawidjaja). The Environmental Committee's relationship with the CIES is mainly helping to promote events by the CIES, including the Lunch Seminar series. As in 2018, the Environmental Committee partnered with the CIES and the MINT Environment track for the Welcome Apéro in September. The Environmental Committee continues to look for new partnership opportunities with the CIES, especially related to research on environmental and sustainability topics.

*IHEID library:* (Guillaume Pasquier). The relationship between the Environmental Committee and the IHEID library was started in 2018 through the Recycling Library. The library has been extremely supportive of the Environmental Committee's efforts to improve sustainability, and plans are in place to improve the reuse of scrap paper. Special thanks to Linda Leger for her leading the library's contribution to Sustainability Week.

*IHEID career services:* (Alizé Aversano). The Environmental Committee cooperated with the IHEID career service for a Green Careers event as part of Sustainability Week 2018. We look forward to continuing to work with Alizé on a similar event this year, and creating additional opportunities for students in the fields of environment and sustainable development.



*IHEID head of communications:* (Sophie Fleury). The good relationship with the IHEID communications department helps the Environmental Committee to spread its message across the IHEID community and not just across students. Through the inclusion of an Environmental Committee section in the monthly IHEID newsletter, we can showcase the work we do across a wider audience. Further, IHEID communications occasionally approaches the Environmental Committee members to write a review about sustainability events at IHEID.

## 3.2 Relationships beyond IHEID

### *Swiss Association of Student Organizations for Sustainability (VSN/FDD/FSS):*

The VSN is an association of all student organizations that deal with the topic of sustainability at Swiss universities and institutions of higher education (HEIs). The IHEID Environmental Committee is among the founding members of the VSN. In 2019, the Environmental Committee strengthened this relationship by attending the VSN General Assembly in Bern on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and through various preparation meetings for Swiss Sustainability Week 2019, for which two EC members were part of the national organizing team.



### *Etudiant-e-s pour le Développement Durable UNIGE (EDD):*

In 2019, the Environmental Committee continued to build its relationship with the EDD, partnering extensively in the development of Swiss Sustainability Week 2019. The two student associations look forward to increased collaboration in the near future. In October 2019, the EDD and the Environmental Committee began organizing for Sustainability Week Switzerland 2019, and preparations are well underway.

### *Perception Change Project (PCP), United Nations Office in Geneva*

The Perception Change Project was launched in 2014 to improve access to information, promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and improve understanding of the work done by the UN and other international organizations. The IHEID Environmental Committee has partnered with the PCP to produce a brochure for the organization's 170 Series, which offer a list of tangible and attainable actions that the majority of individuals can achieve towards the SDGs, while educating people on current development concerns. This particular project comprises of 10 actions for each of the 17 SDGs in relation to climate change, and discussion of additional publications are underway.

## **4. Looking Ahead to 2020**

The Environmental Committee's annual elections were held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The new President of the Environmental Committee for the year 2020 is:

Zaninka Marianne Ntagungira

The new Vice-President of the Environmental Committee for the year 2020 is:

Anna Ploeg

The EC has outlined several ambitious goals for the year ahead, including:

- Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Environmental Committee!
- Publication of the 170 Actions to Fight Climate Change booklet with the PCP
- Expanding the cutlery rental programme for all student initiatives
- Beginning operation of the new IHEID community garden project
- Launching mobile recycling, composting, and zero-waste Geneva guides
- Geneva Peace Week 2020 in cooperation with the Latin American Network Initiative (LANI)
- Environmental Diplomacy conference with the Junior Diplomat Initiative (JDI)

For a more detailed plan of the Environmental Committee's activities in 2020, please contact the current president, Zaninka Ntagungira at [gisa.ec@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:gisa.ec@graduateinstitute.ch).

## Annex I: Mission Statement of the Environmental Committee

Environmental issues are critical aspects of countless challenges that the “leaders of tomorrow” will need to engage with. As follows, the Graduate Institute must lend a greater focus to such issues if it is to adequately prepare its students to take on these challenges. The Environmental Committee, founded in 2010, is the students’ environmental association that brings together students interested in sustainability and environmental issues to give a clear voice to these issues within the Institute. All students are encouraged to get involved, regardless of program, semester or level of experience.

### ➤ *Sustainable events.*

The EC aims to be a major forum for environmental discussions both at the Institute and in International Geneva. We organize debates, panel talks, excursions, film screenings and other events that raise awareness about environmental issues and provide opportunities for constructive dialogue and networking. Over the years, a wide range of international experts and leaders in the environmental field have participated in EC events. Furthermore, the EC offers incoming students welcome activities in Geneva, for example an organic wine tasting tour or a sustainable city walking tour.

### ➤ *Sustainable institute.*

We work for a greener campus together with the administration, the city of Geneva and the cafeteria services. Our projects include improved recycling, the installation of proper bicycle racks, and continuous dialogue with the cafeteria to accommodate sustainability standards, i.e. proper food waste management and environmentally-responsible menus. Top universities across the globe are already well aware of their own footprint, IHEID should be no exception.

### ➤ *Sustainable curricula.*

The EC works towards making sustainability a greater focus in the curricula of Masters programs and in individual courses by working collaboratively with professors, academic directors and the Center for International Environmental Studies. Climate change and other environmental issues pose numerous problems for future generations, yet many courses at the Graduate Institute don’t make the connections between economic activities and the environment. There is a need for students to have greater exposure to sustainability issues and relevant concepts and theories.

### ➤ *Sustainable lifestyle.*

We seek to raise awareness about everyday behavior and activities that concern our own health and ecological impact. The Environmental Committee advocates for responsible lifestyles, through activities such as the One World Challenge, but also through sustainable food initiatives such as our regular vegetarian lunch with locally-sourced products. We also support SCOOP, the student food initiative that brings organic foods at reduced prices from local farmers directly to the campus.

### ➤ *Sustainable networking.*

As living in Geneva is a great opportunity for everyone interested in sustainability, the Environmental Committee tries to connect people from different horizons to share experiences and learn more about Geneva as an environmental hub. Moreover, the Environmental Committee is part of the Swiss Federation of Sustainable Development Student Association. The umbrella organization offers an opportunity for students at the Institute to travel across Switzerland and connect with other students with similar interests.



## Annex II. Overview of the Environmental Committee Core Mission

### Sustainable Events

The EC as a forum for environmental discussions at the Graduate Institute and in International Geneva. Raising awareness about environmental issues and generating opportunities for constructive dialogue.



- Examples of events academic year 2017/2018:
- Excursion to Aigues Vertes, International Environmental House
  - Local market tour through Geneva
  - Swiss Sustainability Week 2018
  - Movie Screenings



### Sustainable Institute

The EC works for a greener campus together with the administration, the city of Geneva and the cafeteria services.

- Ongoing projects include:
- Save the Food project with IHEID cafeteria
  - Recycling library for printed academic papers
  - Encouraging recycling at Maison de la Paix and Picciotto



### Sustainable Lifestyle

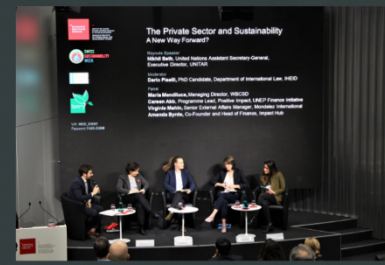
Encouraging everyone to have an environmentally responsible lifestyle. Making it more convenient to have a sustainable lifestyle at the Institute.

- To achieve that, the EC currently:
- Has the sustainable food initiative SCOOP, bringing organic food at reduced prices from local farmers to the IHEID campus.
  - Organizes 'Swap your Stuff' and 'Flea Market' events
  - Lends cutlery, plates and glasses for events of other initiatives



### Sustainable Curricula

The EC, together with the Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES), works towards giving sustainability a greater focus in the curricula of Masters programmes and in individual courses. The EC hosts guest lectures and panel discussion complementing the curricula at IHEID.



### Sustainable Networking

The EC connects you with the Geneva International Environmental Network through participating in Geneva-based events (e.g. Climate Show, UN World Environment Day).

We are also a founding member of the Swiss Federation of Sustainable Development Student Association. We partner local organizations such as Impact Hub Geneva or ApidaeTogether with the IHEID career service (e.g. 'Green Careers Now!')

