



THE GEN CALL TO ACTION

- **BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD** - find your way to a high quality, low impact lifestyle;
- **BUILD COMMUNITY IN WIDENING CIRCLES** - bring your compassion and authenticity into a collaborative search for healing and right action;
- **INTEGRATE THE MARGINALIZED** - allow the richness of diversity to unfold;
- **PROVIDE HOPE AND GUIDANCE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS** - empower youth to contribute actively to sustainable development;
- **LIVE IN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATURAL WORLD** - develop and install regenerative energies, appropriate technologies and sustainable agriculture;
- **BUILD AN ECONOMY THAT SERVES LIFE AND ENRICHES THE WHOLE** - have the courage to share and to extend generosity;
- **TRUST IN THE CAPACITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO CHANGE** - empower yourself and others.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

THE GOOD INTENTIONS AND CREATIVITY OF CITIZENS AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ARE SOME OF THE MOST UNDERUTILIZED RESOURCES WE HAVE TODAY. **GEN** HELPS UNLEASH THIS POTENTIAL.

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**Connecting Communities
for a Sustainable World**



ECOVILLAGES

AN **ECOVILLAGE** IS AN INTENTIONAL OR TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY THAT IS CONSCIOUSLY DESIGNED THROUGH LOCALLY OWNED, PARTICIPATORY PROCESSES TO REGENERATE THEIR SOCIAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

The **4 dimensions** of sustainability (**ecology, economy, social** and **cultural**) are integrated into a holistic approach.

Ecovillages embrace the concept of “Luxurious simplicity”, celebrating and recreating **low impact lifestyles** that expand a **sense of care, responsibility** and **wellbeing**.

Thousands of ecovillages around the planet are already demonstrating how we can transition to a fully sustainable future.

We can increase the community-based capacity for climate change adaptation and mitigation and overcome poverty by establishing global and national programmes to support ecovillage development - *if you would like to have more information on this, and more particularly, on the Senegalese programme to transition 14 000 traditional villages into ecovillages, let us know.*



THE GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK

The **Global Ecovillage Network (GEN)** was set up in **1995**. It serves as an alliance between rural and urban intentional communities (with some of the lowest carbon footprints in the industrialized world) and networks and traditional villages.

THROUGH THE SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND THE HONORING OF DEEP-ROUTED TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND LOCAL CULTURES, WE ARE CREATING A POOL OF WISDOM FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING ON A GLOBAL SCALE.

GEN has developed a set of trainings to facilitate this transition to **resilience** - learning journeys for **change makers** and **design processes** for communities to chart their own pathways into the future. Gaia Education has grown from **GEN** to offer the **Ecovillage Design Education (EDE)** programme on all continents.

GEN has consultative status within **UN-ECOSOC** (Economic and Social Council) and is a partner of the **UNITAR-CIFAL** initiative which provides trainings in sustainable development to local government officials around the world.



THE REGIONS OF GEN



GEN-International works through five broad regional organizations:

GEN-OCEANIA AND ASIA (GENOA)

GEN-NORTH AMERICA

GEN-LATIN AMERICA (CASA)

GEN-EUROPE

GEN-AFRICA

EMERGING: GEN-MIDDLE EAST

NEXTGEN - FOR THE NEXT GENERATION