

# Puerto Rico Department of Education, UNA-USA Puerto Rico, and Global Schools host teacher's workshop

The Puerto Rico Department of Education, UNA-USA Puerto Rico, and Global Schools, SDSN collaborate to develop locally relevant lesson plans on sustainable development



**March 21st, 2023:** On Friday, March 10, 2023, at the Manuela Toro Morice High School, the [Puerto Rico Department of Education](#) (PRDE) held the first workshop for the development of local lesson plans on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This workshop is the first in a series of events that will lead up to the launch of the Global Schools training programs in Puerto Rico.



The collaboration – between the [Global Schools Program](#) (GSP), the [Puerto Rico Chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America](#) (UNA-USA PR) and the PRDE – kicked off with a teacher training workshop for social studies teachers on applying the SDGs in their subject areas.

The workshop was conducted at Manuela Toro Morice High School in Caguas, Puerto Rico, with 50 registered teachers (over 100 teachers responded to the official memo, and future workshops will accommodate all interested teachers). The goal was to develop and draft lesson plans that are adequate for the local context using the [lesson plans](#) offered by the GSP. These contain comprehensive guidelines and activities that are easy to use to educate primary and secondary students about the SDGs. GSP also contributed to the collaborative development of a lesson planning template that could be used for the creation of new lesson plans.





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Pictured from left to right: Ricardo Arzuaga Chaves, Founder and Executive Director, UNA-USA PR Chapter; Edwin Torrez Rodríguez, History Teacher, Residential Center of Educational Opportunities in Ceiba (CROEC) and Board Member, UNA-USA PR Chapter; Jorge González Vizcarrondo, President, Board of Directors, UNA-USA PR Chapter

As part of the 2022-2023 curriculum review, the PRDE recognizes the importance of adopting a global educational approach in the curriculum. Implementing a new model that leaves no one behind and offers the needed competencies for reflection and opinion in the new global and interconnected society is fundamental. In addition, there are multiple benefits for students as they will acquire the necessary skills to face the most significant challenges of the 21st century.



This teachers' training workshop represents the first partnership activity between GSP and UNA-USA Puerto Rico after signing a letter of intent in January 2023, highlighting collaborations moving forward. Some future initiatives include localizing GSP's online Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) training for educators and working together to hire a local individual in charge of the implementation and impact measurement of GSP in Puerto Rico.

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