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Appendix
Throughout 2017, a series of five interactive brainstorm sessions were facilitated by the Planetary Health Alliance in an effort to develop a set of foundational cross-cutting principles for planetary health education. The pilot session was held in person at the Inaugural Planetary Health/GeoHealth Annual Meeting on April 29-30, 2017 and participants were invited based on expressed interest in planetary health education efforts. The following four sessions occurred online between May and September 2017 using novel technology to allow for interactive, small group discussions with video chat capability. Registration for these online sessions was open to all and publicized through the Planetary Health Alliance network. A total of 137 thought partners, professors, researchers and practitioners involved in education efforts at the intersection of health and environmental change from around the world participated in these five sessions.

All sessions held the same structure: (1) introductions; (2) background information, including information about goals for the session and longer-term goals for publication; (3) randomization of participants into breakout groups and time for discussion; (4) identification of each group’s top three cross-cutting principles with a brief written rationale for the selection; and finally, (5) a return to the larger group for each breakout to present their top three principles. All top principles and notes taken during the brainstorms were captured by a designated note-taker.

Throughout September and October 2017, all of the suggestions for cross-cutting principles that emerged from these sessions were compiled, with similar suggestions grouped together before being merged to form 12 composite principles. The 12 composite principles were shared electronically with brainstorm session participants to provide an opportunity for rewording suggestions and additional contributions. The feedback was collated and a survey was distributed to the wider Planetary Health Alliance network to again allow an opportunity for feedback. The 12 cross-cutting principles captured here represent the distilled outcomes of this effort.

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