



MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER

CIVIL SOCIETY FOR ESD 2030

WHEN:

11 to 15 October 2021

WHERE:

online, via zoom

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Education for sustainable development is the key to achieving social, environmental and economic sustainability and is laid down in UN Sustainability Goal 4.7. It is intended to inspire people to think and act sustainably and critically in order to contribute to social transformation. Civil society plays a decisive role in this process and contributes to the implementation of SDG 4.7 with numerous initiatives and programmes worldwide.

In 2020, UNESCO launched a **roadmap** to implement its new framework "Education for Sustainable Development: Towards achieving the SDGs (ESD for 2030)" and called out for a decade of action. The roadmap sets the course for the next ten years of Education for Sustainable Development and spurs UNESCO member states into commitment and action.

During the past year and a half, we engaged in a vivid exchange with international education experts from all five continents. We made civil society's perspectives heard in the drafting process of „ESD for 2030“ through our joint statement **„Education is the key to a sustainable future“** and had lively discussions on opportunities and obstacles of ESD to fulfill its role as key enabler of the SDGs.

From 11 to 15 October 2021 we want to catch up on this exchange and dig deeper into the implementation process of „ESD for 2030“:

What issues will multipliers of Education for Sustainable Development be dealing with until the year 2030? How can we move forward and put the decade of action into practice? What does it need, to make UNESCO member states really carry out "ESD for 2030"? Which role does civil society play in this process and how can we connect internationally and support each other?

The main conference language is English. However, all events on 11 and 15 October will be simultaneously translated into German, French and Spanish. Due to the time difference between the locations of our participants the conference programme will be spread over five days with daily sessions between 1:30 and 4:30 pm CET. The events on 11 and 15 October 2021 will furthermore be recorded and published afterwards.

Registration:

Please register for the conference **until 3 October** by using **[this link](#)**.

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2021

Taking action - the implementation of "ESD for 2030" in the UNESCO member states

- 2:30 - 3:00 pm: **check in, warm welcome** and introduction of the conference agenda
- 3:00 - 3:45 pm: **panel discussion** with representatives of UNESCO's regional offices from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latinamerica
- 3:45 - 4:20 pm: **open session of Q&A**
- 4:20 - 4:30 pm: **closing remarks and outlook to the week**

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2021

Getting involved - the role of civil society in implementing "ESD for 2030"

- 2:30 - 2:45 pm: **check in, warm welcome** and introduction of the agenda of the day
- 2:45 - 3:30 pm: **reports on the implementation of „ESD for 2030“** from civil society perspectives around the world
- 3:30 - 4:15 pm: **exchange in small groups**
- 4:15 - 4:30 pm: **closing remarks**

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2021

Digging deeper - key challenges for a future proof ESD

- 2:30 - 4:30 pm: **interactive Workshop sessions**
- international cooperations for a postcolonial ESD
 - Climate change and environmental education
 - Transformative education for global change
 - Political agency and critical citizenship
 - Participation of children and youth
 - Digitalisation and new technologies

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2021

Staying connected - how to build international civil society cooperations?

- 1:30 - 1:45 pm: **check in, warm welcome** and introduction of the agenda of the day
- 1:45 - 2:30 pm: **reports from the workshop sessions**
- 2:30 - 2:45 pm: **break**
- 2:45 - 3:30 pm: **panel discussion with open Q&A**
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm: **Thinking ahead,** education today and the challenges of the future Keynote by **Felipe Urbas Sinópoli, Advocacy Coordinator Transform Education (UNGEI)**
- 4:00 - 4:30 pm: **closing remarks**