



United Nations  
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## Series of online workshops: The transformative power of ESD for the world beyond Covid-19

Wednesday, 10 February  
10:00 GMT+1 (Paris time)

### Agenda

## Education for Sustainable Development and the Climate Emergency: 'Bending the curve for climate change'

### Background

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In preparation of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) on 17-19 May 2021, which will mobilize support for the new framework 'ESD for 2030', UNESCO is organizing a series of online workshops in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany and the German Commission for UNESCO. The aim is to explore how education can contribute to building a world that is more sustainable and equitable, and provides the basis for recovery and rebuilding beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Objectives and key questions for online workshop #5

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Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the world's attention has been focused on the pandemic and the coordination of the emergency response to the crisis. Meanwhile, major sustainable development challenges, including the greatest challenge of our times - climate change - remain unresolved.

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Human activities such as burning fossil fuels, cutting down rainforests and farming livestock are responsible for the rise of the earth's temperature. The only way to counter climate change is to transform our lifestyles and establish sustainable patterns of production and consumption worldwide.

Education has been recognized as a crucial element to counter climate change and is one of the priority areas of [Action for Climate Empowerment \(ACE\)](#). Education contributes to raising awareness on the physical mechanisms and the emergency of climate change and its impacts. More specifically, Education for Sustainable Development empowers people to take action by promoting values, problem solving and critical thinking skills needed for sustainable development.

But, concretely, how can and does this happen in different settings? How can Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) contribute to urgent action for green and sustainable societies in light of the climate emergency? What can we learn from the Covid-19 pandemic on how to educate and act in times of crisis? The workshop will address these questions looking at examples from youth action and formal education, and will review recent data on climate change education.

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Co-moderation: Mr David Wilgenbus, Executive director, Office for Climate Education (OCE)  
Mr Djian Sadadou, Communications Officer, Office for Climate Education (OCE)

Programme	
<b>10:00 – 11:00 (CET)</b>	Opening remarks : <b>Ms Vibeke Jensen</b> , Director of the Division for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO
	Next steps on Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE), <b>Ms Fleur Newman</b> , Action Empowerment Unit Lead, UNFCCC
	Discussion: <b>Innovative and effective educational approaches towards Climate Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Developing Climate-Friendly Schools:</b> a good practice on whole school approach to Climate Action from Eco-Schools project, Mohammed VI Foundation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Mrs. Khodari Meryem</b>, in charge of environmental education project, The Hassan II International Center for Environmental training, Morocco</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Empowering young people and women in climate action</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Ms. Menna Mosbah</b>, youth activist, Arab region ESD Youth network, Egypt</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Where we are and where to go:</b> recent data on Climate Change Education<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Dr. Marcia McKenzie</b>, University of Saskatchewan, Canada</li></ul></li></ul>
	Questions and Answers Closing by the moderator

## Language

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The workshops are conducted in English and translated into French and German. Written interactions during the online workshop are available in English and French.

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## Technical specifications

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The online workshop will be held on the platform Zoom. Questions can be submitted via the chat function during the workshop or before the workshop to [future.esd@unesco.org](mailto:future.esd@unesco.org)

## Organizers and partners

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