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



Wednesday, 14 April 2021
12:30 CEST (Paris time)

#ESDfor2030

Agenda

#7: ESD for 2030 framework and the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): Time to act - Now or never

Background

In preparation of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) on 17-19 May 2021, in Berlin, Germany (held online), 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 how to recover and rebuild beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

Objectives and key questions for online workshop #7

Since September 2020, a series of 6 online workshops have been organized on key issues related to the new global framework ESD for 2030 and the relevance of ESD during and beyond the Covid-19 pandemic to 'build back better'. Around the big questions such as 'what world do we want to live in beyond Covid-19?', 'what is necessary to rebuild and recover in a more sustainable and equitable way

and not fall back into unsustainable habits and structures?’ and ‘what role does education and particularly ESD play and how does it contribute to the transformation needed?’, thousands of people joined a global conversation. In a series of six sessions, the participants addressed the following questions:

- ‘how can ESD learning continue in digital or remote formats?’;
- ‘how can ESD equip young people with knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to be resilient under challenging situations?’;
- ‘what are the interlinkages between the health of the planet and people?’;
- ‘what is the role of ESD for climate action?’ and;
- ‘how can ESD promote alternative lifestyles/livelihoods in response to consumerism?’

In an interactive final session, participants will reflect on how we can operationalize these discussions and put them into practice under the ESD for 2030 framework until 2030.

After the workshop, attendees will be invited to continue the conversation and share their thoughts on the LinkedIn Group. Attendees will also be encouraged to follow the group for updates on how they can be part of spreading the message of ESD and following the Conference.

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Moderation: **Mr Alexander Leicht**, Chief, Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Programme

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Opening: *Communicating for Action - The Online-Workshop Series, the ESD for 2030 framework and the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development*

- **Ms Vibeke Jensen**, Director of the Division for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Panel discussion: *Connecting the dots on the future of ESD*

Interactive discussion with five panelists from the five thematic workshops and the participants to discuss their demands for the future of ESD, as it will be discussed at the Berlin Conference. Interactive tool will be used to compile feedback of the participants.

- **Mr Cristian Vélez Ramirez**, General coordinator of environmental education, The Amazon Rescue Center (CREA) and Amazon Forever, Peru
- **Mr Isaac Makinya**, Member of global youth representatives of World Scout and member of the National Youth Forum Committee, Kenya
- **Mr Zitouni Ould-Dada**, Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Ms Menna Mosbah**, youth activist, Arab region ESD Youth network, Egypt
- **Ms Kathleen Usher**, Science specialist, English Montreal School Board, Canada

On the road to Berlin: online workshop series

- **Mr Roman Luckscheiter**, Secretary General, German Commission for UNESCO

Closing : Call for action

- **Ms Andrea Ruyter-Petznek**, Head of Division Education for Sustainable Development, Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany

Language

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

Technical specifications

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

Organizers and partners

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