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

Wednesday, 14 October 2020
10:00 – 11:00 GMT+2

Agenda

ESD in remote and digital settings: Lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic

Background

In preparation of the [UNESCO World Conference on ESD](#) on 17-19 May 2021, in Berlin, Germany, in which *ESD for 2030* framework will be officially launched, UNESCO is organizing a series of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) online workshops in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany, and with the German Commission for UNESCO as advisory partner. The aim is to explore how ESD contributes to building a world that is more sustainable and equitable, and how ESD provides the basis for how to recover and rebuild beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

Objectives and key questions for online workshop #2

In spring 2020, school closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic impacted more than 90% of the global student population. UNESCO is supporting countries in their efforts to mitigate the immediate impact of school closures, particularly for more vulnerable and disadvantaged communities, and to facilitate the continuity of education for all through the [Global Education Coalition](#).

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) can contribute during and after the pandemic by helping to build resilience and to transform our lives towards a more sustainable world. While the search for new forms of remote learning continues in the prolonged pandemic, the second online workshop explores how ESD learning can take place under physical distancing regulations, in high- and low-resource settings.

ESD practitioners across the world will share how they continued ESD despite the challenging situation during the pandemic. Based on these experiences, the session will explore how resilient ESD structures can be built to ensure that ESD learning continues during crises.

- What were the learnings from the pandemic how ESD can be best supported digitally and remotely?
- How can resilient ESD structures be built that ensure that ESD learning can continue in digital or remote format?

Date

The online workshop will be held on **Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 10:00 – 11:00 GMT+2 (60 min)**

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Moderator: Won Jung Byun, Senior Project Officer, Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Outline of the online workshop	
10:00 – 11:00 GMT+2 (60 min)	Welcome remarks Ms Vibeke Jensen, Director, Division for Peace and Sustainable Development, Education Sector, UNESCO
	Introduction of the workshop rules, the agenda and the speakers
	Moderated discussion with ESD practitioners on the questions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What were the learnings from the pandemic how ESD can be best supported digitally and remotely?</i> • <i>How can resilient ESD structures be built that ensure that ESD learning can continue in crisis situations?</i> <p> Ms Maria Anagnostidou, teacher, 3rd Primary School of Serres, Greece Ms Kathleen Usher, Science specialist, English Montreal School Board, Canada Mr Cristian Vélez Ramirez, General coordinator of environmental education, The Amazon Rescue Center (CREA) and Amazon Forever, Peru Mr Yusuke Morita, Professor, Faculty of Human Sciences, Waseda University, Japan </p>
	Moderated Q&A

Technical specifications

The online workshop will be held on the platform Zoom. The workshops are conducted in English. Written interactions during the online workshop are available in English and French. 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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