

UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

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#ESDfor2030



Programme (draft as of 3 May 2021)

Monday 17 May 2021		
12:00 – 12:30 (CET)	Opening and congratulatory remarks	EN/FR/SP/ AR/RU/CH /GER
12:30 – 13:00	Keynote speeches <i>Inspiring short speeches by keynote speakers on the environmental as well as social and economic challenges we face today, such as climate crisis, and on ways forward.</i>	
13:00 – 14:30	Session 1. Plenary: Creating the change we need in the time of planetary crisis– ESD for 2030 <i>This plenary will present the new framework ESD for 2030 which has been adopted by the 40th session of the UNESCO General Conference and acknowledged by the 74th session of the UN General Assembly and its roadmap for implementation, in the context of planetary crisis. The presentation of the framework and the roadmap will be followed by panel discussion by key stakeholders on their future commitments for its implementation.</i> Launch of Education and Environment Report	EN/FR/SP/ AR/GER
14:30 – 15:00	Break & online networking/cultural performance	
15:00 – 17:30	Session 2. Ministerial Roundtable on the implementation of ESD for 2030 (Part I) <i>Ministerial roundtable will discuss country commitments for the implementation of the new framework ESD for 2030, in particular on country initiatives on ESD in the period of 2020-2030.</i>	EN/FR/SP/ AR/RS/CH/ GER

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16:30 – 19:00	Session 3. Education for SDGs Market Place (part I) <i>In this interactive session, which includes virtual exhibitions, stands, mini-workshops, film-showing participants can explore ESD's response to the 17 SDGs, with particular focus on their interlinkages, trade-offs and co-benefits. Each virtual booth presents innovative projects and practices that showcases ESD's contribution as a key enabler of the 17 SDGs. 10 parallel channels (1 UN, 1 UNESCO, 1 Germany, 7 stakeholder channels) for 4 rounds of 30 minute inputs. Recordings of the inputs will be made available online.</i>	EN or FR
19:00 – 20:00	Berlin Night: virtual networking hosted by the Government of Germany	
Tuesday 18 May 2021		
08:00 – 09:30	Session 4. Ministerial Roundtable on the implementation of ESD for 2030 (Part II) <i>Ministerial roundtable will discuss country commitments for the implementation of the new framework ESD for 2030, in particular on country initiatives on ESD in the period of 2020-2030.</i>	EN/FR/SP/AR/RS/CH/GER
09:30 – 09:45	Break & online networking	
09:45 – 11:00	Session 5. Responding to planetary challenges through ESD <i>In four concurrent sessions, the participants will review urgencies which the planet is facing, enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ESD's response. In collaboration with the relevant UN partners and others, the five concurrent sessions will present recent data and expert inputs on social and economic dimensions as well as environmental dimension of the urgencies, as well as a discussion on the possible ways forward through ESD in light of the interlinkages with all 17 SDGs.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate change 2. Biodiversity 3. Green and circular economies 4. Nature, people and resilient relationships 	EN/FR in all SP/AR/GR in some
11:00 – 11:30	Break & online networking	
11:30 – 13:00	Session 6. Plenary: Testimonies of transformative action for the SDGs – How does societal change for sustainable development happen? <i>Individuals who have undertaken transformative engagements in the areas of sustainable development will be invited to share their experiences in this plenary, focusing on how they were led to take action and how it contributed towards structural changes in the society. Inspiring individual testimonies will be followed by panel discussion and an instant online survey with the audience on how to facilitate transformative engagements for a sustainable future.</i>	EN/FR/SP/AR/GER

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13:00 – 14:00	Break & online networking Session 7. Education for SDGs Market Place (Part II)	EN or FR
14:00 – 15:15	Session 8. Concurrent sessions: Responding to planetary challenges through ESD <i>In five concurrent sessions, participants will explore how education can bring about transformative action for sustainable development. Following the plenary session 4 that highlighted societal transformation, case examples are showcased to explore how education can concretely contribute to sustainability challenges through its transformative power.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate change 2. Biodiversity 3. Green and circular economies 4. Nature, people and resilient relationships 5. Technological advancement 	EN/FR in all SP/AR/GR in some
15:15 – 15:45	Break & online networking/cultural performance	
15:45 – 17:00 75 min	Session 9. Concurrent sessions: Putting ESD into action A (Part I) <i>Building on the discussion on session 6, this session focusses on concrete ESD actions that can be undertaken by specific stakeholder groups around the five Priority Action Areas of ESD for 2030 and provides good practices and useful tools that can be replicated in the work of the stakeholders. In Part A, 5 workshops tailored to the needs of the five stakeholders, namely policy makers, education institutions, educators, youth and community leaders are organized.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [Priority action area 1: Advancing policy] 2. [Priority action area 2: Transforming learning environment] 3. [Priority action area 3: Building capacities of educators] 4. [Priority action area 4: Youth] 5. [Priority action area 5: Accelerating local level actions] 	EN/FR in all SP/AR/GR in some
17:00 – 17:15	Break	
17:15 – 18:00	Session 10. Meeting German good practices	EN or FR
Wednesday 19 May 2021		
09:00 – 10:15	Session 11. Concurrent sessions: Putting ESD into action A (Part II) <i>Building on the discussion on session 6, this session focusses on concrete ESD actions that can be undertaken by specific stakeholder groups around the five Priority Action Areas of ESD for 2030 and provides best practices and tools that can help the work of the stakeholders. In Part A, 5 workshops tailored to the needs of the five stakeholders, namely</i>	EN/FR in all SP/AR/GR in some

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	<p><i>policy makers, education institutions, educators, youth and community leaders are organized.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> [Priority action area 1: Advancing policy] [Priority action area 2: Transforming learning environment] [Priority action area 3: Building capacities of educators] [Priority action area 4: Youth] [Priority action area 5: Accelerating local level actions] 	
10:15 – 10:45	Break & online networking /cultural performance	
10:45 – 12:00	<p>Session 12. Concurrent sessions: Putting ESD into action B</p> <p><i>Building on the discussion on session 6, this session focusses on concrete ESD actions that can be undertaken by specific stakeholder groups around the five Priority Action Areas of ESD for 2030 and provides best practices and tools that can help the work of the stakeholders. In part B, 5 workshops tailored to the needs of the stakeholders of various education levels from early childhood care and education to lifelong learning are organized, with particular focus on the latest key issues in promoting ESD in each level.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ESD in early childhood and primary education ESD in secondary education ESD in higher education ESD in TVET ESD in lifelong learning 	EN/FR in all SP/AR/GR in some
12:00 – 13:00	Session 13. Education for SDGs Market Place (Part III)	EN or FR
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Closing</p> <p><i>Closing ceremony including presentation of the Berlin Declaration on ESD for 2030, announcement of Member States' commitments and the next steps.</i></p> <p>** End of the Conference**</p>	EN/FR/SP/ AR/RS/CH/ GER
Afternoon	German national stakeholder event	
Regional technical meetings		
	<p>Regional technical meetings</p> <p><i>In five regional meetings, participants will reflect on the implementation of ESD for 2030 in their regional and national contexts. Led by the UNESCO regional offices, the participants will discuss the needs and challenges in the regional context and concrete implementation of the new framework, including country initiatives on ESD for the period of 2020-2030.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 May 15:00 – 16:30 (CET): Europe and North America 26 May 12:00 – 13:30 (CET): Africa 	

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- **27 May 07:30 – 09:00 (CET): Asia and the Pacific**
- **28 May 16:30 – 18:00 (CET): Latin America and the Caribbean**
- **9 June 12:00 – 13:30 (CET): Arab States**

**NB: To follow up, UNESCO will organize five regional meetings to support Member States implementation of ESD for 2030 in 2022.*

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