Key Partner to UNESCO

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UNESCO Invitation

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WORLD CONFERENCE

Education for Sustainable Development

Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
10-12 November 2014

The World Conference Objectives

- Celebrating a Decade of Action (DESD 2005-2014)
  - “What have we achieved, what are the lessons learnt?”
- Reorienting Education to Build a Better Future for All
  - “How does ESD reinforce quality education?”
- Accelerating Action for Sustainable Development
  - “How are sustainability challenges addressed through ESD?”
- Setting the Agenda for ESD beyond 2014
  - “What are the strategies for our common future?”
Ban Ki-moon: “There is no Plan B. There is no Planet B”

“This conference marking the end of the DESD is the culmination of a journey, and the start of a new one” (Irina Bokova)

“ESD should also be about what is not (yet) known” (Hans van Ginkel)

“We need inter-generational co-operation and equal recognition.” (Tariq, Youth Conference)
The Global Action Programme (GAP) for Education for Sustainable Development

• The GAP Objectives
  – to reorient education and learning so that everyone has the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes that empower them to contribute to sustainable development – and make a difference;
  – to strengthen education and learning in all agendas, programmes and activities that promote sustainable development.

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The Roadmap for Implementing the GAP explains the Programme’s five Priority Action Areas and implementation mechanisms.

http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002305/230514e.pdf
Five GAP Priority Action Areas

1. Advancing policy;
2. Integrating sustainability practices into education and training environments (whole-institution approaches);
3. Increasing the capacity of educators and trainers;
4. Empowering and mobilizing youth;
5. Encouraging local communities and municipal authorities to develop community-based ESD programmes.

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Partner Networks in GAP

- UNESCO will set up Partner Networks that help implement the GAP (one of the main implementation mechanisms).
- Partner Networks consist of “major ESD stakeholders who have extensive outreach capacity, political influence and/or innovative activities.”
- They will consist of a limited number of strategically selected key ESD stakeholders whose actions are expected to have a catalytic effect.
Partner Networks in GAP

There will be one Network for each Priority Action Area of the GAP, i.e., five Networks in total. Each Partner Network will have up to 20 members.

Partner Networks will work through regular meetings organized by UNESCO as well as through online exchanges. In addition to their participation in the individual meetings of each Partner Network, which are organized by UNESCO, all Key Partners will come together for the Global Fora on the GAP in 2017 and 2019.