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Education for Sustainable Development for 2030: Framework, Roadmap, World Conference, Berlin Declaration

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# An urgent call for action

What we know, what we believe in and what we do needs to change.

What we have learned so far does not prepare us for the challenge.

This cannot go on.

We must urgently learn to live differently.

### ESD for 2030 Framework and Roadmap

#### **Education for Sustainable Development: Towards achieving the SDGs**

**ESD for 2030** is the global framework for implementation of ESD from 2020-2030 in response to the increased importance placed on ESD to promote the contribution of education to the survival and prosperity of humanity.

We need to rethink what, where and how we learn to develop the <u>knowledge</u>, skills, values and attitudes that enable us all to make informed decisions <u>and take individual and collective action</u> on local, national and global urgencies

How can we prepare learners of all ages for the 'battle for our lives' as the UN Secretary-General calls it? We are in 99 a battle for our lives. But it is a battle we can win.

- UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres

#### What needs to be done

#### **Societal transformation**

Enable the achievement of the SDGs towards <u>building a more</u> sustainable world

#### Pedagogy and learning environment

Employ interactive, project-based, <u>learner-</u> <u>centred pedagogy</u>. Transform all aspects of learning environment through a <u>whole-</u> <u>institution approach to ESD</u> to enable learners to live what they learn and learn what they live



#### Learning content

Integrate sustainability issues, in particular those <u>enshrined in the 17</u> <u>SDGs</u> such as climate change, into all kinds of learning

#### Learning outcomes

Empower people to take responsibility for present and future generations and actively <u>contribute to</u> <u>societal transformation</u>

#### **Key features**

(...) transformation necessitates, among other things, a certain level of disruption, with people opting to step outside the safety of the status quo or the "usual" way of thinking, behaving or living. It requires courage, persistence and determination, which can be present at different degrees, and which are best sourced from personal conviction, insight, or the simple feeling of what is

ara 4.2, Framework for the implementation of ESD for 2030)

Emphasis on education's role for the 17 SDGs

Focus on the big transformation

Emphasis on Member States' leadership

#### **Five priority action areas**





**Advancing policy** 

Integrating ESD in global, regional & national policies of education & sustainable development



whole-Institution approach



Educators

Providing capacity development opportunities



Youth

Providing opportunities for youth engagement

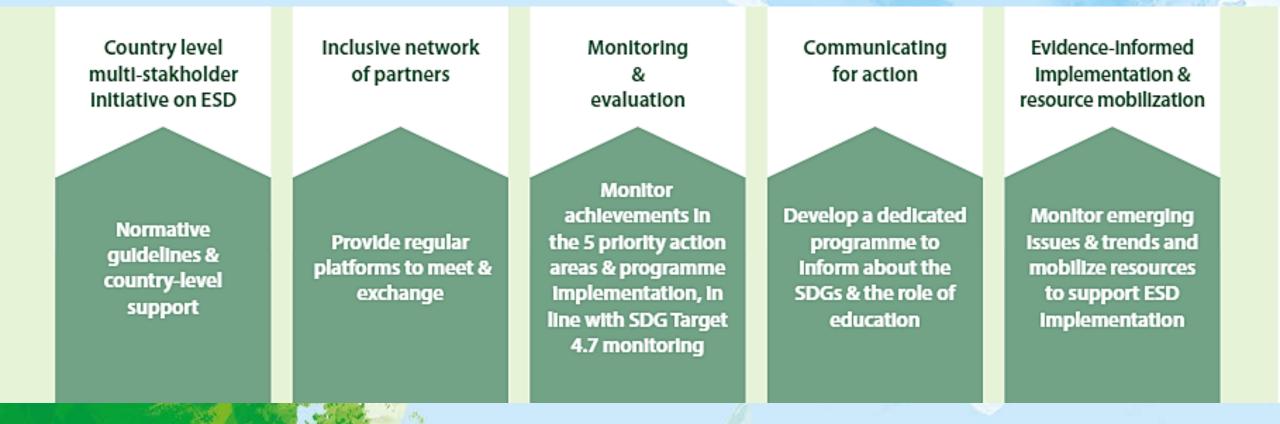


#### Community

Empowering local communities as "nodal" platforms for all priority action areas



#### **UNESCO support to Member States**



# **ESD for 2030 implementation**

 Countries to implement multistakeholder country initiative on ESD for 2030



Tracking issues and trends

 Promote research on emerging issues and trends on ESD

 Inclusive network of partners called ESD-net

 Provide regular platforms to meet and collaborate



Mobilizing resources  Mobilize resources to support ESD implementation, including by creating synergies with others

Support education on the SDGs UNESCO-Japan Prize on ESD Communicating for action

Monitoring progress  Monitor progress on ESD and country initiative on ESD for 2030

### **Country initiatives on ESD for 2030**

#### **Call for countries to implement country** initiatives on ESD for 2030

- Build on on-going efforts on ESD and possibly create new efforts
- Engage multi-stakeholders from both education and sustainable development sectors
- Country initiative template available

#### **UNESCO to provide technical support to organize preparatory multistakeholder workshops**

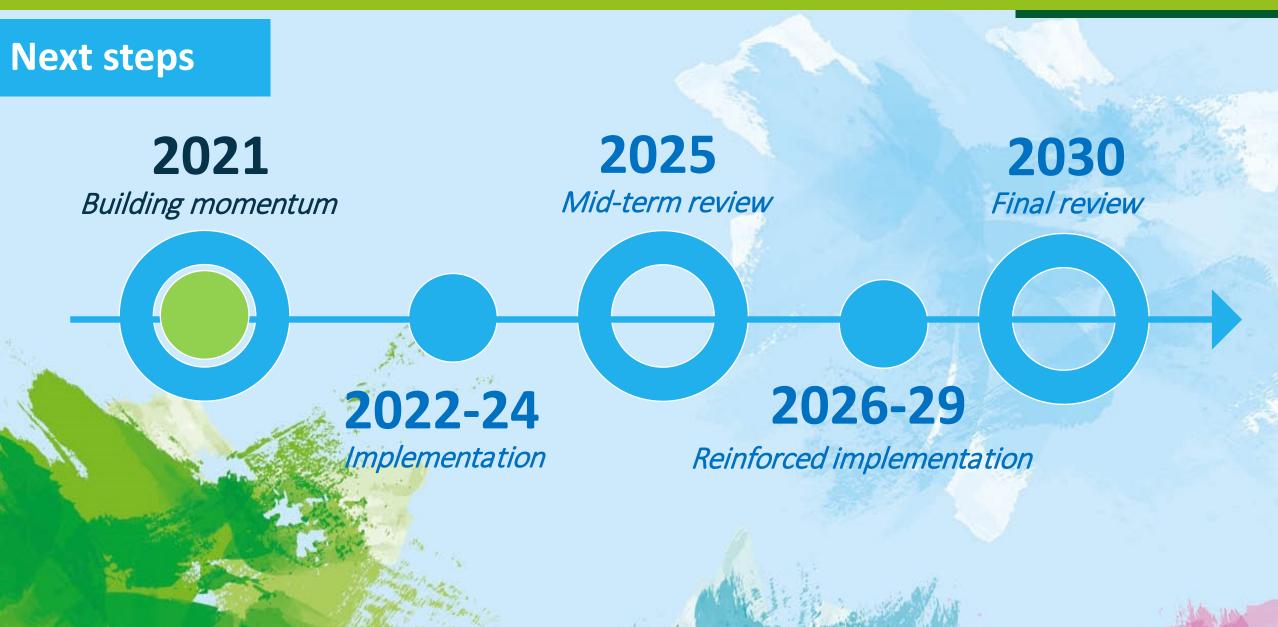
Map stakeholders and on-going/planned activities
Create governing structure
Plan the implementation

Education for Sustainable Development A Roadmap

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#### Showcased at the UNESCO World Conference on ESD

### **ESD for 2030 milestones**



#### **UNESCO World Conference on**

#### **Education for Sustainable Development**

#### Learn for Our Planet. Act for Sustainability

#### 17 – 19 May 2021 Berlin, Germany

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#### Virtual conference

#### **Working Languages**

English, French, Spanish, Arabic and German (Russian, Chinese in some plenary sessions)

https://en.unesco.org/events/ESDfor2030

# Series of pre-conference workshops



### **#ESDfor2030**



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### What do you want more of?

# Structural changes

- Economic systems
- Donut economy
- Climate
- Consumption choices
- Impact of livestock farming / fishing industry

### Support educators and youth

- Teacher education
- Green jobs
- (Youth) participation
- Sharing knowledge/ platforms to engage and network

#### Holistic approaches

- Global citizenship education
- Whole Institution
   Approach
- New Policies

# Inclusion & diversity

- Strengthening ESD in the global south
- More attention to marginalized, queer and feminist voices

# **World Conference overview**

#### **UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development**

- Date: 17-19 May 2021 (postponed from June 2020 due to the pandemic)
- Objectives:
  - ✓ Mobilize support for the implementation of the ESD for 2030 Roadmap
  - ✓ Highlight key global challenges and the educational response
  - ✓ Promote ESD as a key enabler for the achievement of the SDGs
- Organizers: UNESCO in cooperation with and generously supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany, and with the German Commission for UNESCO as advisory partner.
- Participants: Over 2800 invited participants from 161 countries on the conference platform. Over 10,000 views on the youtube livestreaming on the day of the event.

# **World Conference outcome**

#### **Berlin Declaration on Education for Sustainable Development**

Drafting process led by the drafting group (representatives of 6 electoral groups + host)

3 rounds of global Member States and stakeholder consultations

"Ensure that ESD is a foundational element of our education systems at all levels, with environmental and climate action as a core curriculum component (...)

Harness the power of ESD for the redesign of our societies (...)

The time to learn and act for our planet is now."

#### **Strong political commitments**

Around **80 Ministers and Vice ministers of Education** made commitments on their countries' plan of action on ESD for 2030 implementation



Only through better and inclusive education can we enhance the implementation of sustainability in our societies.

Germany is therefore actively committed to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). We are implementing UNESCO's new #ESDfor2030 programme to enable all learners to think about and act for tomorrow and #LearnForOurPlanet.

Anja Karliczek Federal Minister of Education and Research, Germany



### **Berlin Declaration on ESD - process**



# **Berlin Declaration on ESD – global challenges**



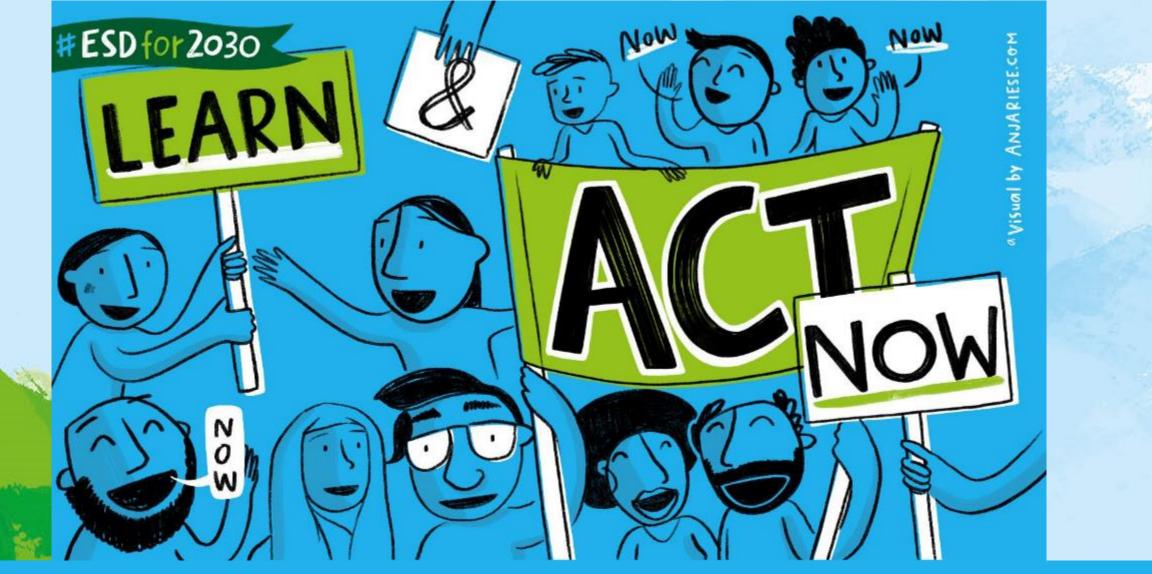
# **Berlin Declaration on ESD – education's response**



# **Berlin Declaration on ESD - commitments**



# **Berlin Declaration on ESD**



https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/esdfor2030-berlin-declaration-en.pdf

# Trash Hack campaign

- Launched in September 2020, on World Cleanup Day, the UNESCO "Trash Hack" campaign encourages young people to learn about sustainability through tackling waste.
- "Trash hacks" are small things people can learn to help them act and live more sustainably for the planet.
- Young people around the world have been taking the challenge via the UNESCO-first Instagram filter, sharing their <u>#TrashHacks</u> on the <u>microsite</u>, on social media and through the Trash Hack blog.
  - A practical guide for teachers, entitled "Trash hack: action learning for sustainable development", was developed. Thousands of students in over 60 countries have shared their inspirational stories on the Trash Hack blog and on social media.







**400** million of plastic waste are created every year.









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# #LearnForOurPlanet

- UNESCO launched the #LearnForOurPlanet campaign (#LearnForOurPlanet) for the World Conference on ESD, in order to increase understanding and reach of the ideas of ESD.
- The campaign calls upon young people and other key audiences to record a message stating why they think it is important to learn for our planet and share good practices with #LearnForOurPlanet. Many of these were compiled into a YouTube playlist.
- On social media, the conversations via the "Learn for Our Planet" campaign and the "Education for Sustainable Development for 2030" campaign (#ESDfor2030) in English had a total combined reach of more than 6.7 million across different platforms. It also had a reach of 60,000 across various websites and blogs.
- A <u>campaign video</u> was created for the launch, and by June 2021, the **campaign video** in English had organically generated over 12,500 views across various platforms.





# The time to learn and act for our planet is now.

Transformative learning for people and the planet is a necessity for our survival and that of future generations.

 Education for Sustainable Development Goals: Learning Objectives

https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000247444

 Sustainable Development Goals - Resources for educators <u>https://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material</u>
 ESD for 2030 Roadmap

https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374802 Learn for our planet https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000377362

UNESCO Green Citizens

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#### #LearnForOurPlanet



#### Share your passion for ESD with

# #LearnForOurPlanet

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Tell us how you are already promoting people to #LearnForOurPlanet

UNESCO LinkedIn Group on Education for Sustainable Development https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9021873/



#### Thank you for your attention

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• UNESCO ESD website: <u>https://en.unesco.org/themes/education-sustainable-development</u>

- ESD for 2030 framework : https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000370215.locale=en
- UN General Assembly Resolution on ESD (2019) : https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/74/223
- UNESCO World Conference on ESD : <u>https://en.unesco.org/events/ESDfor2030</u>

