Education for Sustainable Development allows every human being to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to shape a sustainable future.

UNESCO, as lead agency for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014), is coordinating global efforts to address the social, environmental, economic, and cultural challenges of the 21st century through education.

The UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development will mark the end of the Decade. The World Conference (10-12 November) and the Stakeholder Meetings (4-8 November) are organized by UNESCO and the Government of Japan.

The objectives of the conference:
1. Celebrating a Decade of Action,
2. Reorienting Education to Build a Better Future for All,
3. Accelerating Action for Sustainable Development
4. Setting the Agenda for ESD beyond 2014.

World Conference
10-12 November, Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture

Stakeholder Meetings
4-8 November, Okayama City
- International Forum on UNESCO ASPnet\(^1\) (6-8 Nov.)
- Youth Conference (7 Nov.)
- Global RCE\(^2\) Conference (4-7 Nov.)


\(^1\) ASPnet: Associated School Project Network
\(^2\) RCE: Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD
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Programme

World Conference

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| Workshops | More than 30 workshops are planned, grouped under four clusters. **Cluster I: Celebrating a Decade of Action**
“What have we achieved, what are the lessons learnt?”
**Cluster II: Reorienting Education to Build a Better Future for All**
“How does ESD reinforce quality education?”
**Cluster III: Accelerating Action for Sustainable Development**
“How are sustainability challenges addressed through ESD?”
**Cluster IV: Setting the Agenda for ESD beyond 2014**
“What are the strategies for our common future?” |
| Side events | Stakeholders and partners will have the possibility to organize side events to present and discuss progress of ESD throughout the Decade and ways forward. |
| Exhibitions | Exhibition of ESD Good Practice Projects, Poster Exhibition, Exhibition space for Member States, UN agencies and stakeholders, Aichi-Nagoya Hospitality and Exhibition |

Stakeholder Meetings

| International Forum on UNESCO ASPnet | The forum will share the results of ESD activities carried out in UNESCO ASPnet around the world and discuss the post-2014 perspectives of ASPnet for ESD. A declaration made by the participants will be sent to the World Conference. |
| Youth Conference | Young people implementing ESD from around the world will come together to share and learn each other’s experiences and ideas as well as elaborate suggestions regarding post-2014 ESD actions, which they will share at the World conference. |
| Global RCE Conference | This meeting of the global network of Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD (RCE) coordinated by UNU will discuss and showcase using education as a transformative tool to create a better and more sustainable society. |

Outputs

In the closing plenary session of the World Conference, **with the adoption of the Declaration**, the high-profile launch of the **Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD is expected to take place**. GAP is the follow-up of the DESD and is expected to be endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in the autumn of 2014.