Call for Proposals

UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

Education for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Berlin Congress Centre, Berlin, 2–4 June 2020

UNESCO invites Education and Sustainable Development stakeholders (i.e. policy makers, civil society actors, academics, practitioners, etc.) to submit proposals for programme contributions for the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development. The conference will take place from 2-4 June 2020 in Berlin, Germany. It is organized in cooperation with and with the generous support of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and with the advisory support of the German National Commission to UNESCO.

Please find enclosed the Concept Note of the Conference.

UNESCO invites interested organizations and individuals to submit their proposals for up to two different session formats of the conference programme. Please note that UNESCO can only accept applications submitted via the online form before 14 February 2020 (extended deadline).

Proposals

Submission process

The submission process requires interested parties to complete the online form. All proposals are notified of the final decision regarding proposals by 13 March 2020.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include: individuals as well as national, regional and international institutions and organizations working on Education or Sustainable Development.

Please focus on one of the following questions in your proposal:

- How can education respond to specific SDG challenges?
- How can Education for Sustainable Development be included in policymaking, transforming learning environments, building capacity of educators, empowering youth or accelerating action on a local level?
Available formats:

1. **Format: Booths**

Description: Booths will be set up throughout the conference venue for one of the afternoons of day 1 or day 2 of the conference. The booths should aim at being interactive, for example by providing a quiz, trying a new technology or game, or engaging participants in a discussion. A booth could for example showcase innovative tools/toolkits, networks, capacity building, latest research and data, educational games, policy guidance, demonstrated good practice, etc.

The conference organisers will provide tables, flipcharts and markers. The hosts of the booths will have to bring display and visual materials as needed.

2. **Format: Workshop**

Description: Individuals and organisations have the opportunity to host a 60-minute workshop focusing on the practical implementation of ESD and provide concrete guidance for other stakeholders for their future actions (for example showcase replicable actions, pedagogical methodologies, innovative approaches, toolkits or networks).

Workshop proposal may also be considered for side events during the lunch breaks of 2 and 3 June.

**Selection criteria for both session formats:**

- Clear alignment with the objectives of the Conference and the draft programme of the conference (alignment with the one of the two guiding questions),
- If applicable, diversity of the partners associated with the proposal, including gender and regional diversity and the engagement of youth and young people in the workshop design, implementation and key thematic issues of the proposal;
- The inclusion of innovative participatory techniques and interactivity of the session and use of engaging media;
- The potential to provide practical guidance on replicable action to stakeholders;

Successful proposals may be subject to change or merged with similar proposals.

Applicants will be notified about the status of their proposal by 10 March 2020 13 March 2020.

Further information on facilitation support will be provided to session organisers once proposals have been accepted for inclusion in the official Conference Programme.

Please note UNESCO will be able to accommodate only a very small number of participants from each successful proposal due to limited space. Further details will be communicated individually to the organizers of successful proposals in due course.

For any further questions, please contact the conference secretariat at future.esd@unesco.org.