

How do you think youth can be a driving force for action in advancing ESD? Do you have a good practice to share? Your valuable input and contribution will feed into the youth statement to be finalized at the Youth Conference in Okayama and submitted to the World Conference on ESD in Aichi-Nagoya.

The online discussions will take place on UNESCO's WSIS Knowledge Communities platform and will be open for your comments from 5-20 October.

In order to take part in the discussions, please follow these steps:

1. First of all, please register and join UNESCO's WSIS Knowledge Communities platform from this link: <http://www.wsis-community.org/>

On the registration page, please upload a brief profile for yourself and choose to join the 'UNESCO Online Youth Community'.

(If you are already a registered member on the platform, you can skip this step.)

2. Once you are registered, please find 'UNESCO ESD Youth Conference' under the list of 'Communities' and click on 'Join this Community' in the menu. (You can start joining on 5 October. Before that, please click on 'Request membership' and stand by.)
3. You will receive a Welcome email from each of the communities you joined, including links that will allow you to change your notification options at any time. (You can also unsubscribe from any of the communities at any time by clicking on 'Leave this Community'.)
4. You are now all set to join the discussions in the UNESCO ESD Youth Conference community! Please feel free to make your input to any or all of the below discussion topics (found under 'Discussions').
5. Here are a few protocols to follow when joining the discussions:
 - Please read the topic and key questions posted at the top of each discussion.
 - Add your contribution to the topic using the 'comments' box. Please write in English only.
 - Write succinct comments that are relevant to the given topic concerning ESD.
 - Sign your comments with your name and country.

We hope you will join us and engage in conversations bringing your ideas and experiences. Looking forward to seeing you on the online platform!

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- General discussion: Youth-to-youth empowerment
Empowering and mobilizing young change agents through ESD
- Discussion 1: Policy advancement
Integrating ESD into international and national policies

- Discussion 2: Whole-institution approach

Engaging all stakeholders to transform learning and training environment including curriculum

- Discussion 3: Educators and trainers

Building capacities of educators and trainers to become learning facilitators for ESD

- Discussion 4: Innovative learning for youth

Enhancing learning opportunities through innovative programmes including E-learning

- Discussion 5: Local communities

Accelerating sustainable solutions at the local level through ESD

- Discussion 6: Sustainability challenges

Making ESD a more central part of international response to sustainability challenges such as climate change, biodiversity and disaster risk reduction

- Discussion 7: Social entrepreneurship

Incubating social projects and entrepreneurship through ESD

- Discussion 8: Women and marginalized groups

Empowering women and marginalized groups through ESD