

## Education for Sustainable Development

Biodiversity

Climate Change Education

Disaster Risk Reduction

Cultural Diversity

Poverty Reduction

Gender Equality

Health Promotion

Sustainable Lifestyles

Peace and Human Security

Water

Sustainable Urbanisation

## Mission

The overall goal of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) is to integrate the principles, values and practices of sustainable development into all aspects of education and learning. This educational effort will encourage changes in behaviour that will create a more sustainable future in terms of environmental integrity, economic viability and a just society for present and future generations.

UNESCO is the lead agency for the DESD. In this function, UNESCO coordinates the efforts of the various UN agencies, programmes and organizations related to the DESD.

Through its DESD coordination role, UNESCO works to:

- catalyze new partnerships with the private sector, with youth, and with media groups;
- encourage monitoring and evaluation;
- encourage development of a research agenda and serve as a forum for relevant research on ESD;
- serve as a forum for bringing together important stakeholders in the Decade such as representatives of Member States and key multinationals, faith-based institutions, youth associations, indigenous people, etc.;
- share good ESD practices;
- link Member States that have put in place ESD curricula, policies, research, etc. with those Member States that are requesting help;
- convene flexible working groups on particular topics;
- fulfil its strategic role with regard to ESD.

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