



FINAL AGENDA

UNECE FORUM ON ESD

Empowering Youth
for Sustainable Futures:
Entrepreneurship Education
and Youth Engagement

27-28 June 2024

Venue: PARKLANE Hotel
Limassol, Cyprus



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS



UNECE

OBJECTIVES:

This Forum serves as a dynamic platform to bolster the capacity of the UNECE member states in adapting education systems towards sustainable development by implementing the fourth priority area of the Framework for the implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) from 2021 to 2030 (UNECE ESD 2030 Framework). Specifically, it aims to encourage member States to utilize education for sustainable development to stimulate entrepreneurial and innovative mind-sets among learners, accelerating transformations towards sustainable development and enhancing youth employability. Additionally, it seeks to address disparities related to technological advances and foster partnerships among stakeholders.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

The forum is designed for young sustainability leaders, including entrepreneurs, educators and activists, as well as policymakers, and representatives from NGOs and businesses interested in fostering youth engagement in sustainability solutions.

FOCUS:

Aligned with the UNECE ESD 2030 Framework, the conference emphasizes the following key aspects:

- **Systematic Integration:** Integrating entrepreneurship education with ESD promotes a holistic approach to youth development for a sustainable future.
- **Actionable Outcomes:** The conference aims to generate tangible outputs that contribute to the goals of the UNECE ESD 2030 Framework and the Summit of the Future.
- **Collaborative Networks:** By facilitating connections and fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders, the forum seeks to advance youth-led sustainability initiatives.

JUNE 27, DAY 1

09:00 - 09:30

Registration of Participants & Welcome Coffee

Opening Ceremony HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

09:30 - 10:30

Opening of the event

Cultural program from the “Sistema Cyprus” Orchestra

Welcome and opening remarks:

Mr. Frederic Berthoud, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation, Switzerland

Mr. Christofer Castle, Director, Division for Peace and Sustainable Development UNESCO

Ms. Sylvie Motard, Deputy Director Europe, UNEP

Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Deputy Secretary General, Union of the Mediterranean

Ms. Tatyana Molcean, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Ms. Athena Michaelidou, Minister of Education Sports and Youth, Cyprus

10:30 - 10:50

Coffee break



ESD Policy for a Sustainable Future: High-level Panel HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

10:50 - 12:05

Ms. Tatyana Molcean, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Ms. Andela Jakšić - Stojanović, Minister of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro

Ms. Eimear Manning, UNECE ESD Steering Committee Youth Platform, Ireland

Mr. Christofer Castle, Director, Division for Peace and Sustainable Development UNESCO

Ms. Aravella Zachariou, Chair of the UNECE ESD SC, Head of the Unit of EESD, Cyprus

Ms. Sylvie Motard, Deputy Director Europe, UNEP

Chair of the High-Level Panel:

Ms. Marina Ioannou Hasapi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, Cyprus

Secretariat:

Mr. Zaal Lomtadze, Chief of Section of the ECE, UNECE

Ms. Nona Iliukhina, UNECE ESD SC Secretariat

Fostering Sustainable Futures: Showcasing innovations and projects on Education for Sustainable Development in Cyprus

12:05 - 12:10

Screening of three videos-projects



Youth Leading the Way: An Interactive Dialogue HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

12:10 - 13:10

Mr. Constantinos Loizou, President, Cyprus Youth Council

Mr. Florian Hebeisen, Board Member, Swiss National Youth Council - SAJV

Ms. Zamzam Ibrahi, Co-founder Students Organising for Sustainability, Green Jobs Youth Pact Advisor

Mr. Mateeullah Tareen, Project Manager and Youth Trainer, eSqaure e.V.

Ms. Kaosisochukwu Ata, Member, Rotary International

Ms. Xueling Zhou, YoupaN, Germany

Moderator:

Mr. Simon Herteleer, Coordinator, UNECE ESD Youth Platform

Discussion - Questions & Answers

13:10 - 13:25

Family photograph

13:25 - 14:40

Lunch break

Hall: LANES Restaurant

Introduction to ESD and the Role of Youth in Shaping a Sustainable Future HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

14:40 - 15:40

Ms. Nina Evardone, Talent Acquisition Expert in International Development, Human Rights and Climate Change, South Pole

Mr. Jaewon Choi, Executive Director, DMUN Foundation

Mr. Ionel Florian Lixandru, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Romania

Ms. Serena Bashal, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford

Ms. Francine Pace Caruana, Director (Sustainable Development), Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour, Malta

Moderator:

Mr. Mark Manns, Project Officer, Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Discussion - Questions & Answers

Exploring Research Insides - Understanding the Impact of ESD on Entrepreneurship Education and Emerging Innovative Solutions HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

15:40 - 16:40

Mr. Leandro Bitetti, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)

Ms. Susan Müller, Professor for Entrepreneurship, Bern University of Applied Sciences

Mr. Alexandros Charalambides, Associate Professor, Cyprus University of Technology

Mr. Giuseppe Provenzano, Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

Ms. Celia Hadjichristodoulou, Founder and Managing Director of GrantXpert Consulting

Moderator:

Mr. Radmil Polenakovikj, Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

Discussion - Questions & Answers

16:40 - 17:00

Coffee break

Curricular Anchoring HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

17:00 - 17:30

Keynote and introduction to the parallel sessions:

Mr. Georg Berger, President, scETA, Switzerland

“How to anchor entrepreneurship education in school system: Combining a Top-Down and Bottom-Up Approach on Vocational Education”

Moderator:

Ms. Tamara Mitrofanenko, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, United Nations Environment Programme

17:30 - 18:30

Member States will engage in discussions exploring various concepts on how to introduce ESD, including youth innovation, in the primary and secondary education curricula.

HALL: THE JASMINE ROOM

Ms. Silvia Margarita Velázquez Rodríguez,
Technical Counsellor, Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports, Spain

Member States will engage in discussions exploring various concepts on how to introduce ESD, including youth innovation, in the curriculum of the vocational education and training (VET) level.

HALL: THE ROSE ROOM

Mr. Radmil Polenakovikj,
Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

Member States will engage in discussions exploring various concepts on how to introduce ESD, including youth innovation, in Higher Education.

HALL: THE CITRUS ROOM

Mr. Rado Bohinc,
President, Euro-Mediterranean University - EMUNI

17:30 - 18:30

Mr. Vítězslav Slíva,
Ministerial Counsellor, Ministry
of Education, Youth and Sports,
Czech Republic

Ms. Antigoni Komodiki, CEO,
Junior Achievement Cyprus

Ms. Tamara Aleksanyan,
Head of Monitoring Division,
Ministry of Education, Science,
Culture and Sport, Armenia

Moderator:

Ms. Elin McCallum, Executive
Director, Bantani Education

**Discussion -
Questions & Answers**

Ms. Christiana Knais,
Managing Director, MMC
Management Center

Ms. Wioletta Kilar,
Head of the Entrepreneurship
Education Research Group,
University of the National Education
Commission, Poland

Mr. Marinos Papaioakeim,
Head of the Green &
Entrepreneurship Unit, CARDET

Moderator:

Ms. Efka Heder,
Team Leader, GOPA Worldwide
Consultants

**Discussion -
Questions & Answers**

Ms. Dana Zhunissova,
Project Manager, Center for
Natural Resources and
Sustainability, Kazakh-German
University (DKU), Kazakhstan

Ms. Alexandria Bias,
Climate Education Project Lead,
Cambridge Climate Society,
University of Cambridge

Ms. Svitlana Delehan,
Associate Professor, Uzhhorod
National University, Ukraine

Moderator:

Ms. Tamara Mitrofanenko.
Secretariat of the Carpathian
Convention, United Nations
Environment Programme

**Discussion -
Questions & Answers**

End of Day 1

20:00

Conference Dinner
Hadjiantonas Winery



JUNE 28, DAY 2

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome Coffee

Amplifying Voices & Driving Action (Shaping Sustainable Futures through ESD) HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

09:30 - 09:40

Brief Recap of Day 1

Ms. Aravella Zachariou, Chair of the UNECE ESD SC, Head of the Unit of EESD, Cyprus

09:40 - 10:10

Keynote and introduction to the parallel sessions:

Ms. Stephanie Alvarado, Director of Global Programs, NFTE

“Cultivating Innovation: The Role of Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Progress”

Moderator:

Mr. Charalambos Vrasidas, Executive Director, CARDET



10:10 - 11:10

How to establish “a Teach the Teacher” Concept and what challenges should be considered when non-experts teach entrepreneurship.

HALL: THE JASMINE ROOM

Ms. Sarah Haslam,
Director of Training, Programmes and Research, For ige, Ireland

Ms. Boglárka Kurka Ivanegová,
Co-founder SUSTO, Chair of ŠPIRÁLA - the Slovak Network of Environmental Education Providers

Ms. Elin McCallum,
Executive Director, Bantani Education

How to link entrepreneurship and SD: opportunities and dangers (e.g. social entrepreneurs cannot solve complex societal problems on their own, we also need political action).

HALL: THE ROSE ROOM

Ms. Anthi Charalambous,
Founder, NGO KykIIOIKOdromio – Director of ideopsis Ltd

Mr. Hugo Valdes-Vera,
Founder, Think Ocean CIC

Ms. Laurentia Filipshi,
Executive Director, Junior Achievement Moldova

Ms. Laura Poghosyan,
Youth Worker, ALTERALAB Youth Center, Armenia

The different spaces of learning entrepreneurship and SD: online, outside the classroom, apprentices running their own subsidiaries.

HALL: THE CITRUS ROOM

Mr. Pantelis Papadopoulos,
Associate Professor, University of Twente, Netherlands

Ms. Eliza Patouris,
Co-Founder & Managing Director, RESET - Research and Education in Social Empowerment and Transformation

Mr. Eriksen Mersinllari,
ICT Curriculum Specialist, Quality Assurance Agency of Pre-University Education (ASCAP)

Ms. Kalypso Apergi,
Officer, Department of Teachers'
In-Service Training, Cyprus
Pedagogical Institute

Moderator:
Mr. Charalambos Vrasidas,
Executive Director, CARDET

Discussion -
Questions & Answers

Moderator:
Ms. Susan Müller,
Professor for Entrepreneurship,
Bern University of Applied
Sciences

Discussion -
Questions & Answers

Mr. Karen Davtyan,
Project Coordinator, Armenian
Progressive Youth NGO

Moderator:
Mr. Leandro Bitetti,
University of Applied Sciences and
Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)

Discussion -
Questions & Answers

11:10 - 11:30

Coffee break

Redefining Education: Changing Minds for Tomorrow's Challenges HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

11:30 - 12:00

Keynote Speech:

Gerd Leonhard, Futurist & Humanist, Author, CEO The Futures Agency

"The Future of Education and the Future Mindset: The next 10 years"

Moderator:

Mr. Wondwosen Asnake Kibret, Policy and Partnerships Coordinator, Europe Office, UN Environment



12:00 - 13:00

Fireside chat

Ms. Athina Michaelidou, Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Cyprus

Ms. Aurora Audino, Italy Youth4Climate Champion

Mr. Benjamin Strzelecki, Youth Climate Advisor to UN Secretary General

Ms. Lilla Györfy, External Youth Representative, European Scout Region, WOSM

Moderator:

Mr. Wondwosen Asnake Kibret, Policy and Partnerships Coordinator, Europe Office, UN Environment

Panel Discussion: Bridging the Generational Gap for Knowledge Transfer HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

13:00 - 14:00

Mr. Blaz Liposvek, President, Sava Youth Parliament, Slovenia

Ms. Aislinn Aislinn, CEO, ECB Sustainable Youth Foundation

Mr. Mark Manns, Project Officer, Section of Education for Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Ms. Annagrace Messa, Executive Director, YEU Cyprus

Ms. Aurora Audino, Italy Youth4Climate Champion

Moderator:

Ms. Efka Heder, Team Leader, GOPA Worldwide Consultants

Discussion - Questions & Answers

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch



World Cafe Discussion: Amplifying Youth Voices in ESD HALL: VARIOUS ROOMS (LISTED BELOW)

The World Café is open to all participants. Each discussion topic will last for 30 minutes. Participants can join in on two different topics (30 minutes each). At the end of the World Café, there will be a plenary session at the Diamond Ballroom to discuss conclusions and findings.

15:00 - 16:00

HALL: THE PARK ROOM

(a) Multi-sectoral Collaborative Solutions

Participants delve into the intricacies of forging partnerships and collaborative efforts imperative for catalyzing transformative change in ESD. They reflect on the significance of adopting a holistic approach that encompasses entire societies, governments, and institutions, with a singular focus on prioritizing the needs of the youth as paramount for national progress.

Moderator:

Ms. Tamara Mitrofanenko, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, United Nations Environment Programme

Rapporteur:

Mr. Simon Gottowik, youpaN, Germany

HALL: THE ROSE ROOM

(b) Sustained Investment in Youth

Emphasizing the pivotal role of youth as agents of change, the dialogue underscores the necessity of sustained investment in youth initiatives. Discussions revolve around strategies to ensure adequate resources and support are allocated to empower youth-led endeavors and harness their potential for driving sustainable development.

Moderator:

Ms. Nina Evardone, Talent Acquisition Expert in International Development, Human Rights and Climate Change, South Pole

Rapporteur:

Mr. Andreas Georgiou, CARDET

HALL: THE CITRUS ROOM

(c) Fostering Intergenerational Dialogue and Knowledge Transfer

The dialogue explores avenues for nurturing meaningful intergenerational exchanges to accelerate progress in ESD. Participants seek to identify effective mechanisms for transferring knowledge and expertise between generations, recognizing the invaluable role of collective wisdom in addressing contemporary challenges.

Moderator:

Ms. Aurora Audino, Italy Youth4climate Champion

Rapporteur:

Mr. Marinos Papaioakeim, CARDET

HALL: THE PINE ROOM AND FOYER

(d) Youth as Catalysts for Agile Policy Development

Delving into the realm of policy formulation, the dialogue scrutinizes the ways in which young people can contribute to the development of agile yet robust policies, capable of navigating the complexities of poly-crisis scenarios. Through innovative approaches and grassroots initiatives, youth are poised to play a pivotal role in shaping responsive policies at both national and international levels.

Moderator:

Mr. Sotiris Themistokleous, Director of Strategic Development, Center for Social Innovation – CSI

Rapporteur:

Ms. Marianna Orfanidou, Project Manager, Center for Social Innovation – CSI

World Café Synopsis HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

16:00 - 16:30

Moderator:

Simone Herteller, UNECE ESD Youth Platform

Ms. Tamara Mitrofanenko, Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, United Nations Environment Programme

Ms. Nina Evardone, Talent Acquisition Expert in International Development, Human Rights and Climate Change, South Pole

Ms. Aurora Audino, Italy Youth4climate Champion

Mr. Sotiris Themistokleous, Director of Strategic Development, Center for Social Innovation - CSI

16:30 - 16:45

Coffee break

Creating Partnerships Between Educational Institutions and Other Stakeholders

16:45 - 17:45

The role of actors and institutions

HALL: THE JASMINE ROOM

Mr. Rilli Lappalainen,
President, CONCORD - CEO, Bridge 47

Ms. Lilia Valieva,
Leading Specialist Sustainability and Education, BE
OPEN Foundation

Ms. Bianca Bilgram,
German Commission for UNESCO

Ms. Tuyana Norboeva,
Project Manager, Eco-Accord

Moderator:

Mr. Charalambos Vrasidas, Executive Director,
CARDET

Discussion
Questions & Answers

Policy Advocacy Workshop: Building Your Advocacy Toolkit

HALL: THE AMPHORA ROOM

Mr. Nathan Weber,
Board Member, OBESSU

Ms. Samia Kassid,
Senior Programme Manager “Future Policy Award
and Future Generations”, World Future Council

Ms. Maria Blomenhofer,
ESD Youth Delegate, Austrian Ministry for Climate
Action

Ms. Anastasia Andreou,
President, ESN Cyprus

Moderator:

Ms. Eimear Manning, Climate Justice Development
Officer, National Youth Council of Ireland & UNECE
ESD Steering Committee Youth Platform

Discussion
Questions & Answers

Conclusions and Closure of the Forum HALL: THE DIAMOND BALLROOM

17:45 - 18:45

Reflection on what we saw and heard - Recommendations for the future (40 min),
by Moderators of Day 2 (4 min each)

Concluding remarks (20 min)

Mr. Simon Herteleer, Coordinator of the UNECE ESD Youth Platform

Ms. Sylvie Motard, Deputy Director Europe, UNEP

Ms. Marina Ioannou Hasapi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, Cyprus

Ms. Tatyana Molcean, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Moderator:

Ms. Aravella Zachariou, Chair of the UNECE ESD SC, Head of the Unit of EESD, Cyprus

End of Day 2