Concept Note

UNESCO 2019 Forum on Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship

Theme: Learning and Teaching for Peaceful and Sustainable Societies: From early childhood to primary and secondary education

1. Background:
   - The Third Forum was organized back-to-back with a meeting on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), under a single integrated framework entitled “The UNESCO Week for Education for Peace and Sustainable Development”. It brought together stakeholders groups and experts from both fields of ESD and GCED.
   - In view of supporting further synergies between both subject areas, as well as a holistic approach to Target 4.7 of 2030 Education Goal, it was decided that future GCED Fora would be expanded to address, on a regular basis, both ESD and GCED. Consequently, the Fora would be henceforth titled “The UNESCO Forum on Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship”.
   - In keeping with the tradition of holding the GCED forum every two years, the first integrated forum will take place in 2019, with a thematic focus on: Learning and Teaching for Peaceful and Sustainable Societies: From early childhood to primary and secondary education.

2. Objectives of the Forum
   - Present the outcomes of UNESCO’s study on how the three learning dimensions of ESD and GCED (cognitive, socio-emotional and behavioural) are reflected in curricula at ECCE, primary education (PE) and secondary education (SE) levels;
   - Deep dive into the key findings of the study with a view to understanding trends, identifying major gaps and challenges;
   - Exchange innovative and promising approaches on how to address gaps and fully harness the potential of the three domains of learning – at the three levels of school education ECCE, PE and SE – in order to support sustainable development and global citizenship;
   - Expand and reinforce partnerships and networking opportunities around these issues.
3. **Provisional structure of the Forum**  
   See the enclosed draft programme.

4. **Place and date**  
   Ha Noi, Viet Nam; 2-3 July 2019, with the Fourth ESD GAP Key Partner Meeting starting on 4 July until 5 July (morning).

5. **Participants**  
   Approximately 300-350 stakeholders from all regions of the world (e.g., policy makers, practitioners, representatives of NGOs, development community, private sector, etc.) of ESD and GCED and other related areas.

6. **Format**  
   Interactive and innovative plenaries for debate and dialogue, workshops for practical information and knowledge sharing, and world-café style networking.

7. **Working languages**  
   English and French, with simultaneous interpretation available for plenary sessions only.

8. **Organizers**  
   The 2019 Forum is organised by UNESCO, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Training of Viet Nam.

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