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Bonn, Germany



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Background

From 31 March to 2 April 2009, the *World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development – Moving into the Second Half of the UN Decade* will be held in Bonn, Germany. Organizers of the conference are UNESCO and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, in cooperation with the German Commission for UNESCO. Five years into the Decade, the conference will follow four objectives: to highlight the relevance of ESD to all of education; to promote international exchange on ESD, especially between the North and the South; to carry out a stock-taking of the implementation of the UN Decade and to develop strategies for the way ahead.

World Conference participants are 700 representatives from all world regions, of UNESCO Member States, United Nations Agencies, organizations from civil society, and the private sector.

Call for Participation

One day before the opening of the World Conference, a workshop with 25 young people from around the world with demonstrated engagement in Education for Sustainable Development will take place in Bonn, Germany. Participants of the workshop will also take part in the World Conference. Workshop results will be presented at the Conference.

Young people between 18 and 35 years of age are invited to submit **applications** for participating in the workshop "Young ESD Voices from around the World" and in the World Conference itself **by 9 February 2009**.

Applications must include a letter of motivation (one page) describing the applicants' engagement in Education for Sustainable Development, the motivation for applying and a short description of what is intended to be done as follow-up to the Conference. Moreover, a curriculum vitae should be submitted.

Participants will be selected according to their engagement in ESD, their involvement in relevant networks and hence their function as young ESD ambassadors / multipliers.

Working language of the workshop: English

Dates and venues:

- March 2009: Email consultations, preparing the workshop and the contribution to the World Conference
- 30 March 2009: Workshop "Young ESD Voices from around the World" in Bonn, Germany
- 31 March - 2 April 2009: World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Bonn, Germany

- April / May 2009: Evaluation of the workshop and the World Conference via Email consultation and follow-up

The 25 participants of the workshop will also be guests of the main conference. Funds for travel and hotel costs are available if required.

Submission of applications **by 9 February 2009** to Email worldconference2009@esd.unesco.de or Fax +49(0)228-688444-79, reference "Application 'Young ESD Voices'". Successful participants will be informed by 16 February 2009.

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