

GLOBAL LEARNING, WELTWÄRTS AND BEYOND

PROGRAMME

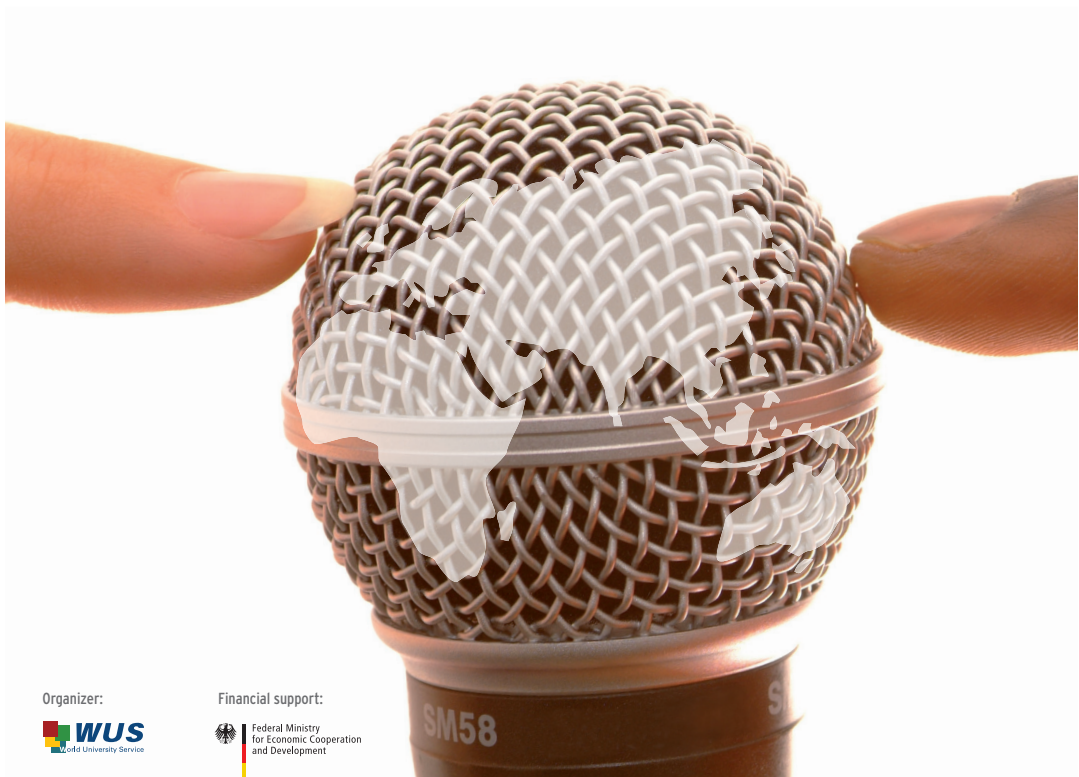
International NGO Conference leading up to the UN 2009
World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

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The Association of German development non-governmental organizations (VENRO) and the CONCORD Development Education Forum (DEF) are holding the international NGO Conference in the lead-up to the UN World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development:

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The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development was started five years ago. What has been achieved so far? Where do the new challenges lie? As a practical approach participants will discuss the possibilities of development voluntary services, especially the potential of the new German service "weltwärts" and their contribution to Global Learning. Which structures are required for volunteers to get involved in development politics also subsequent to their service abroad? What do these programmes actually achieve for to promote Global Learning?

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PREFACE



Dr. Claudia Warning

Chairperson of
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German development
non-governmental
organizations (VENRO)

Global Learning enables people in the North and South to participate in the self-determined creation of a sustainable world society. Volunteer services can play a crucial role in this respect - if they are embedded in the structures of an education for sustainable development. In this context, civil society has a major role to play. In the lead-up to the UNESCO World Conference, the NGO Congress 'Global Learning, weltwärts and beyond' wants to let the voice of civil society from all over the world be heard. Approximately 150 representatives from civil societies coming from more than 45 countries will be holding discussions on the progress made and challenges faced in the field of 'Education for Sustainable Development'. What have been the achievements of the UN Decade for Sustainable Education in the last five years? What input have development volunteer services like 'weltwärts' made towards promoting Global Learning? Recommendations of the congress will be incorporated in a Bonn NGO Declaration and introduced into the UNESCO Half-Time-Conference. We wish all participants of this congress a rewarding exchange of experiences and lively discussions - in the spirit of sustainability.

C. Warning

GREETING



**Heidemarie
Wieczorek-Zeul**

Federal Minister for
Economic Cooperation and
Development
(BMZ)

Dear Participants,

As the 21st century gets underway the world is faced with huge challenges that can only be mastered through joint international efforts. Simultaneously new crises are threatening to make people's living conditions, particularly those of people in the developing countries, worse. Education for sustainable development is very important in this connection: it equips people with the skills they need in order to act responsibly in a complex global society. This is where the BMZ's new weltwärts programme comes in: by encouraging young people to serve as development volunteers it is making an effective contribution to development education with a view to global learning.

I therefore welcome VENRO's initiative in organizing an international NGO conference in the run up to the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development.

Civil society is a key partner when it comes to implementing the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, and NGOs are responsible for the realisation and implementation of the weltwärts programme. We are depending on civil society - not just for the implementation of the UN Decade - and on constructive and close cooperation with the NGOs.

Regards,

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul

4 FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2009

15.00-17.00	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
17.00-18.00	DINNER
18.00-18.30	<p>OPENING REMARKS <i>Claudia Warning</i>, Association of German development non-governmental organizations (VENRO)</p>
18.30-20.30	<p>HIGH PANEL DEBATE The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development - Midterm Evaluation from a Development Perspective</p> <p>Moderation: <i>Deepali Sood</i>, Development Education Forum (DEF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Moacir Gadotti</i>, Member of the International Advisory Group of the UNESCO World Conference, Paolo Freire Institute, Sao Paolo, Brazil > <i>Lenelis Kruse-Graumann</i>, German Committee for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DUK) > <i>Hans-Dietrich Lehmann</i>, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) > <i>R. Venkat Reddy</i>, M. Ventatarangaiya Foundation, India > <i>Claudia Warning</i>, VENRO <p>Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) offers a framework for multiple educational efforts to improve future perspectives for the individual and to change societies so that they are capable of dealing with growing social, economical, ecological and political challenges.</p> <p>Important international aims and programmes such as the "Millennium Development Goals" (MDG) are based on the hope for progress in the development of educational systems and growing awareness and responsibility towards our common future as a global society.</p> <p>The opening panel discussion will review the progress and the upcoming challenges from different international perspectives.</p>
20.30	<p>BUS TRANSFER to the Historic Town Hall of the City of Bonn</p>
21.00	<p>RECEPTION by the City of Bonn, Altes Rathaus (Historic Town Hall) Ulrich Hauschild, Mayor of the City of Bonn</p>

SATURDAY, 28 MARCH 2009

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9.00-9.30

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jana Rosenboom, Association of German development non-governmental organisations (VENRO)

Chiara Tripepi, Development Education Exchange in Europe Project (DEEEP)

9.30-12.00

WORKING GROUPS

Education for Sustainable Development

What has been achieved? - Where are we heading?

A great number of projects - large and small - are carried out in the formal, non-formal and informal sectors of Education for Sustainable Development. Non governmental organizations (NGO) have been initiators, labourers, alerters, visionaries, jugglers, bridgebuilders, survival artists and long-distance runners in this process. They have been successful in many cases but they have also been obstructed and are often lacking the attention and support they need and deserve. Their challenges, cultural backgrounds, operational frameworks, aims and strategies and their understanding of the overall aim of justice and sustainability appear to be highly diverse.

We would like to discuss the following questions from an African, Asian, European and Latin-American perspective in working groups:

- » What are the central challenges ESD has to face in our respective part of the world?
- » What is our approach in ESD and what are our main concepts and strategies?
- » What have NGOs achieved in the context of ESD, what did we fail to achieve and where are we heading?

12.00-13.30

LUNCH

13.30-14.30

PANEL DEBATE

Discussion of Results

Education for Sustainable Development

What has been achieved? - Where are we heading?

14.30-15.00

COFFEE BREAK



15.00-17.30

WORKING GROUPS**ESD and voluntary services: "Can volunteers make a difference?"**

Voluntary programmes exist ever since development cooperation started almost 50 years ago but are increasingly trendy: The new German "weltwärts" programme aims at sending up to 10,000 young people abroad every year. The French Secretary of State in charge of development cooperation declared that international volunteering is one of eight priorities of French cooperation policy.

The current public debate focuses on the positive contribution of volunteers and does not take account of the fact that partner organizations in the south have to put enormous efforts to integrate tens of thousands of volunteers and to give them adequate assistance.

We would like to discuss the following questions in three working groups:

Volunteering and Global Learning

- » How can the experience of the volunteers be put to use in European societies (multiplier effect)?
- » What is the long-term impact of volunteering? Can it be measured?

Reverse: Expectations of partners in the South

- » Which interests do our southern partners have in voluntary programmes?
- » Are NGOs sending volunteers to the developing countries also able to receive young volunteers from the south?

NGO reality in the South

- » What are the necessary ingredients to make volunteering a real global learning experience (e.g. selection of volunteers and hosting partners, preparation, monitoring, follow-up)?
- » Which access to resources do NGOs in the South have to organize the learning process for their guests?

17.30-18.30

Panel Debate

Discussion of Results

ESD and voluntary services: "Can volunteers make a difference?"

18.30

RECORDING OF RESULTS:

Short interviews conducted by a young film team

19.00-20.30

DINNER

20.30

INTERCULTURAL EVENING PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2009

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09.00 - 12.00

PANEL DEBATE

Global Learning, weltwärts and beyond - Bonn NGO Declaration on Education for Sustainable Development

Moderation: *Bettina Schmidt*, World University Service (WUS)

- > *Douglas Bourn*, Development Education Research Centre, University of London
- > *Lorna Down*, Member of the International Advisory Group of the UNESCO World Conference, University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- > *Angela König*, EIRENE International Christian Service for Peace, Germany
- > *Rilli Lappalainen*, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD)
- > *David Simo*, Université de Yaoundé, Cameroon
- > *Konai Helu Thaman*, Member of the International Advisory Group of the UNESCO World Conference, University of the South Pacific

12.00 - 12.30

CLOSING REMARKS

Heike Spielmans, Association of German development non-governmental organizations (VENRO)

12.30 - 14.00

LUNCH

14.00

DEPARTURE AND FAREWELL





VENRO is the umbrella organization of development non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Germany. The organization was founded in 1995 and consists of around 120 organizations. Their backgrounds lie in independent and church-related development co-operation, humanitarian aid as well as development education, public relations and advocacy.



The CONCORD Development Education Forum is a core working group of CONCORD, the European NGDO platform. It works to deepen European public awareness and promote a critical understanding of international development. It aims to foster the participation of all citizens in more just, equal and sustainable national and international policies.



weltwärts is the new German development volunteer service founded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The program offers young people, age 18 to 28, to work as a volunteer in a developing country for 6 to 24 months. Its aim is to support local organizations in different projects and to inspire returnees sharing their experiences with the German society to increase the awareness and acceptance on development policy issues.

FURTHER INFORMATION



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