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# Series of online workshops: The transformative power of ESD for the world beyond Covid-19

Wednesday, 9 September 2020  
12:30 – 13:30 GMT+2

## Agenda

### The big conversation: ESD and the world beyond Covid-19

#### Background

In preparation of the [UNESCO World Conference on ESD](#) on 17-19 May 2021, in Berlin, Germany, in which *ESD for 2030* framework will be officially launched, UNESCO is organizing a series of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) online workshops in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany, and with the German Commission for UNESCO as advisory partner. The aim is to explore how ESD contributes to building a world that is more sustainable and equitable, and how ESD provides the basis for how to recover and rebuild beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Objectives and key questions for online workshop #1

The session sets the tone of the 7-part online workshop series and provides an introduction to key issues to be addressed among the ESD community with regards to the new program and the relevance of ESD for the discourses related to Covid-19.

Participants reflect on the key issues and key questions that need to be raised in the ESD community which were exposed or accentuated through the Covid-19 pandemic particularly in the fields of resilience, climate change and lifestyles and their observations from the last months.

- What world do we want to live in beyond Covid-19? What are the key questions we need to ask in the current crisis?
- How can this world be created? What is necessary to rebuild and recover in a more sustainable and equitable way and not fall back into unsustainable habits and structures?
- What role does education and particularly ESD play and how does it contribute to the transformation needed?

## Date

The online workshop will be held on **Wednesday, 9 September 2020 at 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+2 (60 min)**

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Moderator: Alexander Leicht, Chief of Section for Education for Sustainable Development, Education Sector, UNESCO

Outline of the online workshop	
<b>12:30 – 13:30 GMT+2 (60 min)</b>	<b>Welcome remarks</b> Ms Stephania Giannini, Assistant Director General, Education Sector, UNESCO Ms Maria Böhmer, President of the German Commission for UNESCO <b>Introduction of the workshop rules, the agenda and the speakers</b>
	<b>'Mentimeter' impulse questions</b>
	<b>Setting the scene: a vision for the world beyond Covid-19</b>
	<b>What questions need to be raised? Short impulses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Lifestyles</b> Mr Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Rector of International Islamic University Malaysia (tbc)</li> <li>b) <b>Climate Change</b> Mr Katsutoshi Hori, student and member of Climate Youth Japan</li> <li>c) <b>Building Resilience</b> Ms Maja Göpel, Secretary General, German Advisory Council on Global Change</li> </ul>
	<b>Moderated Q&amp;A with the panellists</b> Questions can be submitted before the online workshop or during the session
	<b>Closing and outlook of next online workshop</b>

## Technical specifications

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The online workshop will be held on Zoom. The first workshop is conducted in English and live interpretation will be provided in French. Written interactions during the online workshop are available in English and French. Questions can be submitted via the chat function during the workshop or before the workshop to [future.esd@unesco.org](mailto:future.esd@unesco.org)

## Organizers and partners

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