

ASPnet bi-Weekly INFO FLASH N°31

Update on 2025 Annual ASPnet Country Reports

INFORMATION SHARING

-  We received **65** Annual Country Reports on activities implemented across the global network in 2025. We thank all National Coordinators who took the time to submit their reports.
- While this represents strong engagement, it is lower than the 85 reports received last year. This means that more than **70 countries** have not submitted a national report in the past two years.
- Why should we try to do better?
 - Because the annual Reports showcase the incredible work being done by your schools.
 - They help UNESCO understand your strengths and needs so we can better support you.
 - The information collected allows UNESCO to demonstrate how schools, teachers and students are transforming education and having a real impact on their communities
- Your reports show how your national networks are part of a global community of change makers, helping to build a more just, sustainable and peaceful world for all. We are now analyzing the reports and will get back soon with an overview of the key findings, good practices, notable initiatives, and recommendations from across the network.
- Questions concerning the reporting can be sent to ASPnet@unesco.org.

UNESCO ASPnet Working Group on (Gen)AI and Education

INVITATION

- The International Centre for UNESCO ASPnet (ICUA) invites UNESCO ASPnet National Coordinators to engage young people in the 2026 edition
- At the 2026 ASPnet Global Conference in Hainan, China, participants highlighted that (Gen)AI is becoming an integral part of the educational environment, raising important questions about how it can support learning while preserving learner agency, meaningful intellectual engagement, and teacher professional judgement.
- To continue this conversation, the UNESCO ASPnet Unit is supporting the launch of an **informal Working Group on (Gen)AI and Education**, led by National Coordinators. The Working Group will provide a space for peer learning, knowledge exchange, and collaboration. The WG will operate **in English only**.
- National Coordinators interested in joining are invited to complete **this survey** by **25 August 2026**. The survey responses will help define the Working Group's terms of reference and expected outputs.
- To provide further context, we are also sharing the  [Peer-to-Peer Workshop Report on Generative \(Gen\)AI and Education](#) and its  [executive summary](#). A follow-up meeting with interested National Coordinators is planned for **September or October 2026** to discuss the next steps.
- If you have any questions, please contact ASPnet@unesco.org.

Join the 11th IConGCED on August 26–27

INVITATION

- Co-organized by the **Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)** under the auspices of UNESCO, the **Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea** and the **Ministry**

of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, the **11th International Conference on Global Citizenship Education (IConGCED)** will explore the theme "**Global Citizenship Education in a World Falling Apart: Re-centring Human Values in the Age of AI.**" It will bring together educators, policymakers, researchers, youth, and practitioners from around the world to exchange experiences, share innovative practices, and explore education's role in building a more peaceful and sustainable future.

- **When:** 26-27 August 2026 (Wed-Thu)
- **Where:** Crystal Ballroom (2F), Lotte Hotel Seoul, Republic of Korea. All sessions will be livestreamed via Zoom.
- To learn more and register, please visit: [IConGCED website and registration page](#). Registration is open until **Friday, 21 August 2026** on a first-come, first-served basis, so it may close early due to limited space; Participation is **free of charge**. Travel and accommodation support is not provided. Participants are responsible for their own arrangements and expenses.
- If you have any questions, please contact gcedconference@unescoapceiu.org.

UNESCO 80 - A New 'Networks Coordination Function' established at UNESCO Headquarters

INFORMATION SHARING

- Under the [UNESCO80 Roadmap](#), UNESCO established a new '**Networks Coordination function**' within the Priority Africa and External Relations (PAX) Sector at UNESCO. The new function will help improve synergies between UNESCO's major global networks—including UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet), UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks, Category 2 Centres, Creative Cities, Goodwill Ambassadors, and other actors—to reduce fragmentation, increase strategic alignment, and boost global impact.
- The Unit for ASPnet is working closely with the new Networks Coordination Function to ensure that the experience, expertise, and contributions of the ASPnet community are fully aligned with UNESCO's priorities, while creating new opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange across UNESCO's wider network ecosystem.

Snapshots: July 2026

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- Every month, UNESCO Headquarters produces a bulletin called "Snapshots" that offers a curated overview of key developments, achievements and stories from across UNESCO. Through inspiring examples from the field and Headquarters, it highlights how UNESCO and its partners are working to advance peace, sustainable development and international cooperation around the world.
-  [This month's Snapshots](#) highlights UNESCO's commitment to advancing skills, tools and standards in an age of technological revolution. At the first Global Dialogue on AI Governance and the AI for Good Global Summit in Geneva, UNESCO shared its expertise and resources to strengthen governance on artificial intelligence.
- Read more in the attachment - UNESCO Snapshots: July 2026

Next UNESCO International Days

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Here are the upcoming **UNESCO International Days**! Click the picture and discover exciting ways for your schools to participate!



**International Day of the
World's Indigenous Peoples**

9 August 2026



International Youth Day

12 August 2026



**International Day for the
Remembrance of the Slave
Trade and its Abolition**

23 August 2026



International Literacy Day

8 September 2026



**International Day to Protect
Education from Attack**

9 September 2026



**International Day of
Democracy**

15 September 2026



**International Day of
University Sport**

20 September 2026



International Day of Peace

21 September 2026



**International Day for
Universal Access to
Information**

28 September 2026