

6th session of the ASPnet Webinar Series: “GCED as a tool to promote peace”

INVITATION

 The **6th session** of *Learning and Innovating with ASPnet Webinar Series* will focus on “**Current understanding and approaches to GCED as a tool to promote peace**”.

- **ENGLISH:** Tuesday, 20 October at 10 a.m. (CET, Paris Time) Please register [here via the link](#).
- **FRENCH:** Wednesday, 21 October at 1 p.m. (CET, Paris Time) Please register [here via the link](#).
- **SPANISH:** Tuesday, 20 October at 5 p.m. (CET, Paris Time) Please register [here via the link](#).
- This webinar is open to the entire ASPnet community - National Coordinators, school leaders, principals, teachers and students. We encourage you to share this information widely within your national network.
- All sessions will be held via **Zoom** and **will provide simultaneous closed-caption interpretation**.
- If you or someone from your national network want to share good practices on this topic and take the floor for 5 minutes to share a relevant experience during the session, please contact Alan Vogelfanger (ad.vogelfanger@unesco.org), copying ASPnet@unesco.org.

NEW PUBLICATIONS : Guidance to enhance ESD

INFORMATION SHARING

 UNESCO is pleased to announce **the launch of three publications** under the project *Transforming futures: Enhancing practice for ESD for 2030 through action research*.

- The guidance tools were co-developed and piloted tested by ASPnet members and National Coordinators from Brazil, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Romania and Slovenia, together with academics and UNESCO Chairs.
- The publications address the following key dimensions of ESD (they can be used independently yet are also complementary):
 - [Driving sustainability in education through a whole-institution approach](#)
 - [Enhancing pedagogies and competencies for sustainability](#)
 - [Assessing learning in Education for Sustainable Development](#).
- Please find out more about the project and the guidance tools [here](#).
- This project was generously supported by the Government of Japan.

READ the Joint Message on the Occasion of World Teachers' Day 5 October 2026

INFORMATION SHARING

- Under the theme “*Standing with teachers: 60 years of protecting the profession, advancing its status and shaping our futures*,” the 2026 edition of World Teachers' Day was commemorated at UNESCO Headquarters on 5 October. The event featured high-level discussions on protecting and advancing the status of the teaching profession, as well as the award ceremony for the ninth edition of the UNESCO-

Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development. This year's discussions focused on the current challenges facing teacher status and strategies to address them, calling on societies and policymakers to protect, promote and elevate the status of the teaching profession.

- A Joint Message from Mr Khaled El-Enany, Director-General of UNESCO; Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo, Director-General of the International Labour Organization; Ms Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF; and Mr David Edwards, General Secretary of Education International, was also shared on this occasion. Read [more](#).
- Stijn Dhert, ASPnet National Coordinator for Belgium (Flemish), participated in the panel discussion "Shaping Our Futures: Perspectives from Teaching Practice, Teacher Education and Research", providing a new angle to the recurring theme of teacher agency: AI in Teacher Education. He called for conversation and collaboration to learn together how teachers can engage with AI responsibly.
- Don't miss the [New UNESCO data: For every two teachers, the world needs one more](#).
- For more information: <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers>.

UNESCO Snapshots: September 2026

INFORMATION SHARING

- 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 education, by placing knowledge and critical thinking as the condition for a better future. UNESCO brings together governments, educators, scientists and partners to protect the right to learn and advance literacy in order to meet the challenges of the digital age.
- Read more -  [UNESCO Snapshots: September 2026](#)

Next UNESCO International Days

Plan Ahead with the Full UNESCO International Days Calendar!

 UNESCO provides a complete, searchable calendar of all International Days, Weeks, Years and Decade in one place. This overview will help you plan annual events, align classroom activities and find new opportunities to engage your school community  **Explore the full list:** [UNESCO International Days, Weeks, Years and Decades](#)

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



International Day of the Girl

11 October 2026



International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

13 October 2026



International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

17 October 2026



International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

17 October 2026



World Coding Day

29 October 2026



International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

2 November 2026



International Day for Biosphere Reserves

3 November 2026



World Day of Romani Language

5 November 2026



World Tsunami Awareness Day

5 November 2026