

Series of webinars

Tuesday 31 October 2023

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#5 Getting ready to promote greening schools at COP28

Background

Following the success of the [first series of eight monthly conversations on climate change education for social transformation on the road to COP27](#) which gathered 15,000 participants from 184 countries focusing on greening every education policy and curriculum, UNESCO and UNFCCC are launching a second series of six webinars, from May to December 2023, on greening schools on the road to COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

The discussions will focus on how to ensure that all learning institutions, from early childhood through adult education, are climate-ready and integrate a whole-institution approach to ESD to transform their teaching and learning, school facilities and operation, school governance and community engagement.

Similar to the previous series on the road to COP27, this second webinar season is organized in view of the UNESCO global framework on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for the

period 2020-2030, entitled '[Education for Sustainable Development: Towards achieving the SDGs \(ESD for 2030\)](#)', as well as [Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment](#) (ACE) to promote transformative education to tackle the climate crisis, and feeds into the [ACE Hub](#), an initiative launched by UNFCCC and the German Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia in 2022 to foster education and public awareness, training, public access to information and participation in climate change action.

Objectives and key questions for webinar #5

Building on the momentum through this series of webinars and the growth of the Greening Education Partnership (GEP), which to date includes over 1100 organizations and 80 Member States, COP28 will be a critical moment to mobilize commitment to concrete action for scaling up education's role to tackle climate change and greening every school.

Encouraged by the vision and leadership of the government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in placing education as a priority agenda for COP28, the first historic Education Hub named "Greening Education Hub: LEGACY – from the Land of Zayed", hosted by the UAE Ministry of Education in partnership with the GEP, will be established to highlight and advocate for education's central role in tackling the climate emergency. Building on the previous ministerial sessions at COP26 and COP27, high-level events will be organized at COP28 to bring together political commitments on greening education, including through the joint statement, ministerial session and RewirED summit, among others.

The fifth webinar aims to help participants navigate COP28 by highlighting the importance of greening education to tackle climate change, especially through greening schools.

The session will address the following questions:

- What are your expectations and plans concerning greening schools at COP28? What are the key issues and opportunities emerging from this webinar series in promoting greening schools that should be reflected in the discussion at COP28?
- How can collaboration be fostered to amplify the key messages and to promote greening schools at COP28 and beyond?

Agenda

Moderator: **Mr Hyunjin Chang**, Associate Programme Officer, Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) and Youth, UNFCCC

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12:30-13:30 GMT+1 (60 min)	Introduction of the session
	[Moderated discussion on the key questions] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are your expectations and plans concerning greening schools at COP28? What are the key issues and opportunities emerging from this webinar series in promoting greening schools that should be reflected in the discussion at COP28?• How can collaboration be fostered to amplify the key messages and to promote greening schools at COP28 and beyond?
	[Panel] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Heather 'Rose' Armour, Senior Advisor of Education, COP28 Presidency Team• Mr Andrew Cunningham, Global Education Lead and Co-coordinator of Pillar 1 on Greening Schools of the Greening Education Partnership, Aga Khan Foundation• Ms Priyanka Shendage, Youth Advocacy, Climate Environment Sustainability Section, Mumbai Field Office UNICEF
	[Q&A]
	Closing and outlook of next webinar

Date

The webinar will be held on **Tuesday, 31 October 2023 at 12:30 – 13:30 GMT+1**.

Technical specifications

The webinar will be held on Zoom and a YouTube livestream will be provided. The webinar is conducted in English and live interpretation will be provided in French and Spanish. Written interactions during the session are available in English, French, and Spanish.

Please register here:

https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TKLRzvgER_GqI3d0XAIfFA

Organizers and partners

The series of webinars is organized by UNESCO and UNFCCC.

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More details will be made available on the [UNESCO ESD webpage](#) and [UNFCCC ACE Hub](#).