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Action Track 2

Greening Education Partnership: Getting Every Learner Climate-ready



UNESCO, Japan and the United Kingdom

The UN Secretary General's Transforming Education Summit strongly confirmed that education must be transformed to fully contribute to solutions to the global climate and environmental crisis. A new **Greening Education Partnership** aims to deliver strong, coordinated and comprehensive action that will prepare every learner to acquire the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to tackle climate change and to promote sustainable development.

Education, and specifically Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), is uniquely placed to transform individuals and societies through Greening Education. Learners can be empowered with the skills required for inclusive and sustainable growth, in the context of the twin transitions to digital and green economies.

Taking a lifelong learning approach starting from pre-primary to adult education, Greening Education will equip all learners with critical competencies covering not only knowledge and awareness, but also socio-emotional skills and behaviours, including critical thinking and collaboration. Learners will be enabled to understand the complexity of the climate and environmental crisis, how global sustainability challenges are interconnected, and also to support problem-solving in their contexts.

Objectives of the session:

- Present the new Greening Education Partnership, its aim and purpose, and how it will function
- Mobilize commitment from Member States and key stakeholders **Provisional agenda**

Session moderator:

- H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, Chair of the H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma Foundation, Initiator and Leader of the MAMA-LIGHT Initiative, Burkina Faso

Opening remark:

- Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO
- Mr Kazuo Yana, State Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan
- Representative of UK (TBC)
- Ms Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP
- Mr Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC (video)

Panel Discussions (structured around 4 areas of greening)

- Ms Temilade Salami, youth activist from YOUNGO
 - Mr Saad Amer, youth activist from YOUNGO “Greening learning”
- H.E. Dr Reda Hegazy, Minister of Education and Technical Education, Egypt

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“Greening schools”

- H.E. Dr Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi, Minister of Education, UAE “Greening to benefit all of society”
- H.E. Dr Dipu Moni, Minister of Education, Bangladesh “Greening capacity and readiness”
- Ms Susan Hopgood, President, Education International

Summary and closing