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Proposed terms of reference of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development Youth Network for 2021–2030[1]
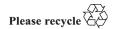
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Draft Terms of Reference of UNECE Steering Committee on ESD Youth Network (proposal to be presented to the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD)

Objective

The overall objective of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD Youth Network is to provide advice to the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD in relation to youth issues.

Specific Tasks

1.   Advise the Steering Committee on all issues and activities of the Steering Committee related to young people.

2.   Contribute to the effective mainstreaming of youth in the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development.

3.   Formulate opinions and proposals concerning the priorities and expected results for youth. Where appropriate, address these opinions and proposals to the UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development or other relevant stakeholders.

4.   Promote the UNECE's ESD youth policies within the Organization and beyond.

5.   Hold an exchange of views annually in order to evaluate its activities and advise the Steering Committee on future priorities including possible new activities.

6.   Elaborate a workplan for the implementation of activities related to ESD and youth with the aim of connecting and engaging young people working on ESD and to become a

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knowledge-based platform which creates and exchanges best practices and opportunities for youth and experts on ESD.

7.   Empower young people to participate in ESD related topics at the national and international level.

8.   Actively engage with other networks at the national and international level to promote ESD and the youth network.

Composition

9.   The UNECE SC on ESD Youth Network is composed of duly nominated youth representatives by members and observers of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD. The network can further include Youth organizations active at the regional and international level, networks and relevant organizations working with youth, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Council of Europe and other relevant organizations.

10.   A steering committee will be elected from within the network to support the network in the performing of their duties.

11.   Membership of the network is aimed at:

(a)   Individuals aged between 18 and 30;

(b)   Individuals under the age of 18 where guardianship and national laws make it possible;

(c)   Representatives of youth led organizations up to the age of 35.

12.   Members are expected to seek input from young people in the UNECE region.

13.   The duration for Membership of nominated members is of two years. This term can be renewed in agreement with the nominating member or observer of the UNECE ESD Steering Committee. In case a member steps down before the end of their tenure a replacement will be proposed by the respective state / nominating organization.

14.   Nominations to the Youth Network are received by the UNECE Secretariat by February. Outgoing members will serve in an advisory role until the next Steering Committee meeting to support new members in performing their duties as described above.

15.   The coordinator supports the network in the implementation of its duties. This position is filled by appointment by the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD in agreement with the network.

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