

# ESD: A Sound Investment to Accelerate African Development



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PART I OF A SPECIAL TWO-PART EVENT ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**TIME & DATE:** 1 June 2013 , 5:30-6:40pm

**VENUE:** Room D, Annex Hall, Pacifico  
Yokohama

**ORGANIZER:** UNESCO

## BACKGROUND

As Lead Agency of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014), UNESCO is organizing a side event on Education for Sustainable Development at the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V). Moving towards sustainable development in Africa cannot be achieved by political agreements, financial incentives or technological solutions alone. Sustainable development requires changes in how we think and act. This is where Education for Sustainable Development has a crucial role to play. More and more governments have started investing in Education for Sustainable Development as a strategy to build sustainable and resilient societies.

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) empowers everyone to make informed decisions for environmental integrity, economic viability and a just society for present and future generations, while respecting cultural diversity. In the Rio+20 outcome document "The Future We Want", governments agreed "to promote education for sustainable development and to integrate sustainable development more actively into education beyond the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development" (paragraph 233). The UNESCO World Conference on ESD to be held in Japan next year will showcase the good practices in this field and launch future work in ESD.

This side event will reinforce ESD as a sound investment in education. ESD promotes the quality and relevance of education to impact the lives, livelihoods and dignity of African people today and tomorrow.



### PROGRAMME AGENDA

Programme Chair: Kazuhiko Takemoto (UNU-IAS)

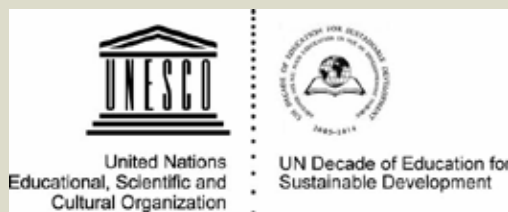
**18:50 - 18:55:** Opening Remarks  
Govindan Parayil (Vice-Rector, UNU)

**18:55 - 19:00:** Welcome Remarks  
Shunsuke Miyazawa (Director, Office of Environmental Education, Environmental Policy Bureau, Ministry of the Environment - Japan)

**19:00 - 20:00:** Panel and Open Discussion  
Moderator: Zinaida Fadeeva (Research Fellow, UNU-IAS)

Alexander Leicht (Chief, Section of ESD, UNESCO)  
Stephanie Hodge (Programme Specialist for Cross-Sector Coordination, Education Division, UNICEF)  
Ayub Macharia Ndaruga (Director, Environmental Education, Information & Public Participation, National Environment Management Authority, Kenya/ RCE Greater Nairobi)  
Victor Tichaona Pesanayi (Programme Manager, SADC Regional Environmental Education Programme/ RCE KwaZulu-Natal)  
Abel Barasa Atiti (Research Fellow, UNU-IAS)

**20:00:** Closing



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