

UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development  
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The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is analysing issues relating to Education for Sustainable Development as part of its Horizontal Programme on Sustainable Development, which brings together its Economic, Education, Environment and Social Directorates.

A *Workshop on Education for Sustainable Development* will be held in Paris on 11-12 September 2008 which will include sessions on: 1) OECD national ESD strategies; 2) promoting sustainable schools based on the OECD Programme on Educational Building (PEB); 3) education for sustainable consumption; and 4) curricula for sustainable development which go beyond environmental education. The results of this workshop will provide inputs to the October 2008 Workshop on ESD to be held in Bordeaux, France and the UNESCO mid-decade review to be held in Bonn, Germany in March 2009 as well as to UNECE.

In 2008, the OECD is producing an Insights book on *Sustainable Development* which could be used as a textbook at secondary school level.

The OECD Education Policy Committee is considering proposals for work on education for sustainable development in its 2009-10 work programme to possibly include: best practices in ESD strategies; the development of curricula and learning materials for ESD; sustainable school buildings and infrastructure; statistics and analysis on the extent of knowledge on sustainable development issues in student and adult populations; and development and measurement of human capital and social capital as a contribution to the UNECE/OECD/Eurostat Working Group on Statistics for Sustainable Development

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