

To: Focal points of the UNECE process on Education for Sustainable Development

Dear Colleagues,

UNECE and UNESCO are pleased to invite you to participate in the new collection of **Good practices in addressing sustainable consumption and production (SCP), including sustainable transportation, through ESD in the context of climate change.**

BACKGROUND

In 2007, UNESCO and UNECE jointly carried out a major collection of good practices resulting in a compendium of good practices and publication "Learning from each other: achievement, challenges and the way forward. Report on progress in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD".

The template for description of good practices has been recently revised to adapt it to the reporting format under ESD and enable better use of the collected material in the preparation of regional progress reports. The revised template also enables, subject to availability of funds, the development of a database and a more user-friendly Internet interface for the collected good practices.

At its recent 4th meeting, the Steering Committee on ESD agreed to carry out a new collection of good practices focused on addressing SCP, including sustainable transportation, through ESD in the context of climate change. The Committee emphasized that rather than doing separate collections on each of these topics, the good practices would have to address them in an integrated manner. It also considered that the use of indigenous, traditional and local knowledge will be a valuable component of this collection.

INTENDED USE

While the main aim of the collection is to provide for an exchange of experiences among governments and stakeholders in the UNECE region (e.g. through a database and an Internet interface), its other envisaged uses include:

- resource materials in the preparation of the region-wide ESD progress reports in 2010 and 2015;
- input into related international events, including several UNESCO events on education and climate change scheduled for July-December 2009, including a possible side-event on Education and Climate Change at the UNFCCC CoP-15 in Copenhagen;
- input into the next cycle of the UN CSD (2010-2011) (presenting selected good practices in a background document for the 4th UNECE regional implementation meeting on sustainable development (RIM, 1-2 December 2009, Geneva). RIM will review the implementation of Agenda 21 and of the Johannesburg Summit outcomes in specific clusters of SD, including transport and a ten year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns);
- regional input into a proposed UNESCO publication on good practices related to ESD and climate change.

PRACTICAL ISSUES

Scope

- (1) Each government or organization can send as many relevant good practices as they wish, at the same time indicating the priority 1, 2, 3, etc. (only selected good practices will be included in the compilation to be distributed at the RIM, while all the good practices will be posted on the website).
- (2) Good practices should be about:
 - (i) promoting SCP through ESD in light of climate change; and/or
 - (ii) promoting sustainable transportation through ESD in light of climate change.
- (3) The use of indigenous, traditional and local knowledge can be either a valuable component of 2(i) and 2(ii) or be submitted as a separate good practice, e.g. how this is used to promote SCP through ESD in light of climate change.

Deadline

In order to enable the inclusion of the good practices in the document for the RIM, the Steering Committee set the deadline for their submission. The completed templates should be sent **by 30 June 2009** electronically to the following e-mail address: esd@unece.org.

Thereafter, the collection of good practices in ESD will continue on-line through the website, but for practical reasons, we will not be in a position to include inputs received after 30 June 2009 in the compilation for the RIM.

Language

The completed templates can be submitted in English or French or Russian. Please make sure that the text is properly edited prior to the submission. Subject to availability of funds, translations from the original language to the other two languages may be envisaged.

Guidance and template

You are kindly requested to complete the templates in accordance with the provided guidance. There will be no possibility to come back to you if the submitted template does not correspond to the requirements outlined in the guidance and we regret to let you know that for that reason your submission might not be included in the compilation for RIM.

The guidance on how to complete the template (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#)) and the revised template (in [English](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#)) have been emailed to all the ESD contacts. They are also available on the website: <http://www.unece.org/env/esd/GoodPractices/share.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact us through esd@unece.org if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you on this interesting project!

With kind regards,

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