



Call for Participation

Because the total number of conference participants is limited to 700, most participation will be by invitation only. Conference participants will be invited through selection/nomination by UNESCO Member States and by the conference organizers directly. However, around 100 interested stakeholders who are not nominated by their government or invited by the conference organizers directly also have the opportunity to apply for participation. The aim of this call for participation is to recruit highly committed participants who will be able to contribute substantially to the conference.

In the selection process, a range of criteria will be taken into account: engagement in ESD, education and/or sustainable development; the potential to bring 'added value' and an innovative perspective to the topic; the potential to serve as a 'multiplier' to reach other actors, communities, networks, etc; concrete follow-up activities after the conference; geographical distribution; gender; distribution across types of institution; distribution across areas/foci of ESD.

The call for participation runs from 10 November to 10 December 2008, midnight Paris time. After receipt of all applications, the organizers will select participants according to the above criteria, which were developed in consultation with the International Advisory Group of the conference. The organizers will make every effort to notify applicants before the end of January 2009. Participants are expected to cover travel expenses themselves. Only in exceptional cases can assistance be provided.

Additional information for academics: the workshops of the conference should be highly interactive and there will therefore be no formal paper presentations. However, there will be limited space for academic poster presentations. Please indicate below if you wish to present a paper in poster format. Please note: presenting a poster is not a condition for participation.

[Application form \(html\)](#)

Only if you have no possibility to fill out the html application form above you may download the form [here](#) and fax it to the following number +49-(0)228-688444-79 or email it to ESDconference2009@unesco.org.