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**“Visions and preparations for a common blueprint
on Education for Sustainable Development”,
November 10-12, 2008 in Gothenburg Sweden**

An International workshop “Visions and preparations for a common blueprint on Education for Sustainable Development” will be hold in Gothenburg on November 10-12, 2008. The workshop is a follow-up of the previously arranged ESD-workshops:

*Drivers and Barriers for Implementing Learning for Sustainable Development in Higher Education” (2005),
Drivers and Barriers for Learning for Sustainable Development in Pre-School, School and Teacher Education” (2006),
The role of early childhood education in a sustainable society (2007),
The Right to Knowledge - Public Learning for Sustainable Development - Laboratory for Democratic Learning (2007)*

Ten international decision makers and four experts from each of the previous four workshops are invited, i.e. approximately 40-50 participants in total. Participation at the workshop is by personal invitation only.

The workshop is organized by Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg in collaboration with the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research, the Swedish National Commission for UNESCO and the Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development (SWEDESD).

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Aims and visions

The aim with the workshop is to come up with a set of recommendations which will constitute a part of the declaration arising from the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in 2009. The recommendations will be based on the reports produced in connection to each of the four workshops, complemented with the knowledge and experience of the participants in this fifth workshop. The document will consist of general recommendation for all areas of ESD as well as a set of specific recommendations (corresponding to each workshop area). The recommendations will be targeting decision makers and governments world wide, to guide them on future decisions and actions needed in relation to Education for Sustainable Development.

Aim and directions of the work process during the workshop:

Before the start of the workshop the experts will have finalised a draft document consisting of both general and specific recommendations on ESD. During the first one and a half days (10-11 Nov) of the workshop the experts on ESD will continue to work with the draft document. During the second and third day (11-12 Nov) the group of ESD experts will be complemented by a number of central decision makers and other experts on policy documents who will assist in shaping the contents and the text into a politically strong document.