Mainstreaming (embedding) ESD in (formal) education
**WBGU:** The needed change of values and structures cannot be understood as „a mere extension of education supply ... What is needed is a paradigm change for the knowledge society in which every single member understands her/his role as agent of transformation ...“
Mainstreaming (embedding) ESD in (formal) education,

SDG Target 4.7
By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.
More collaboration less competition

**Education for Sustainable Development**

- Environmental Education
- Global Learning
- Peace Education
- Global Citizenship Education
- and other approaches

will have to focus on what they have in common and complement each other in finding out how we can learn to think and act sustainably.
Sustainable development ≠ sustained growth

Sustainable Development as guiding principle and set of fundamental values

- respects social, cultural and ecological diversity
- has to be mutually negotiated and reaffirmed for all major actions and decisions
- takes all dimensions of development into account
- has to be the core of all learning processes
What does this challenge mean for education?

It does not mean:
- to continually insert more thematic contents in the overcrowded curricula

but
- to redefine educational quality
- and to focus on:
  - structural, pedagogical and thematic embedding of ESD in all subjects and school activities
Curriculum Reform
Teacher Education
Educational Media
School-based Curriculum
Teaching/Learning Practice
Assessing success

Global Indicator 4.7
Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development, including gender equality and human rights, are mainstreamed at all levels in: (a) national education policies, (b) curricula, (c) teacher education and (d) student assessment.

International reporting through an established (1974) UNESCO reporting mechanism on „education for international understanding“
Data Source


• Compatible with the concepts contained in Target 4.7.

• Revised reporting guidelines.
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Definition and Purpose

• The indicator seeks to measure the quantity and quality of country inputs as well as whether the quality of ESD and GCED provision is adequate to fulfill their transformational potential.

• The indicator provides important information on the level of national commitment towards the attainment of the target (for example whether political will/decisions and resources available have been translated into concrete policies, curricula, assessment). The quality of the programmes provided can predict the likelihood that desired student outcomes will be achieved.

• Tier proposed by UIS: 1
Data Source


- The document recommends “taking whatever legislative or other steps” that provide institutional and pedagogical support for its guiding principles such as: education for human rights, peace and non-violence, cultural diversity, human survival and well-being, caring for our planet.

- Compatible with the concepts contained in Target 4.7.
1974 Recommendation reporting

- Member States have the obligation to report every four years.

- UNESCO has so far conducted five reporting cycles on the implementation of the Recommendation.

- The sixth cycle is now being launched following the adoption of the revised questionnaire for reporting at the 199th Executive Board.

- The questionnaire has been revised to obtain data relevant to the Target 4.7 indicator.

- The data obtained can also be used for Target 12.8, may inform Target 13.3.
1974 Recommendation reporting

- UNESCO Commissioned a review of past country reports on the implementation of the 1974 Recommendation for the reporting cycles for which data are available (cycles 3-5).

- This review will identify the extent to which ESD and GCED are mainstreamed in: (i) national education policy; (ii) curricula; (iii) teacher education; (iv) student assessments; and, (v) countries where “sustainable development”, “global understanding” or “international understanding” policy/plan/law is in place.

- Can serve to establish a baseline.
Thematic Indicator (26)

• (26) Percentage of students by age group (or education level) showing adequate understanding of issues relating to global citizenship and sustainability.
Definition

• The indicator is a direct measure of the learning outcomes achieved in global citizenship education and education for sustainable development, critical for the promotion of sustainable development.

• Tier proposed by UIS: 3
Data Source

- A possible source of data for this indicator is an enhanced version of the IEA’s International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS).

- Following an agreement with UNESCO, the ICCS survey tools will be revised for alignment with Target 4.7.

- In addition, data from the 2016 ICCS cycle will be reviewed for relevant information regarding Target 4.7.