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Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCED) came together for a week of debates and presentations, they are two major programmes that contribute to make education relevant to today's global challenges and work towards the UN Global Goals for Sustainability.

UNESCO is the lead agency for ESD and is also leading efforts for GCED. The week presented the unique opportunity of bringing together under one banner, the following two Fora organized back-to-back with sessions open to around 400 participants of both Fora:

- 1/ The Review Forum for the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on ESD: Implementation and Innovation, and
- 2/ The Third UNESCO Forum on Global Citizenship Education (GCED): the Role of Teachers

The Review Forum for the GAP also explored emerging ESD issues, trends and ideas, and highlighted innovative approaches. As part of the implementation of the GAP at the global level and supporting the scaling up of ESD actions, UNESCO has set up Partners Networks: A global community of practice around these five priority areas to focus on scaling up ESD effort.

- i. advancing policy;
- ii. transforming learning and training environments;
- iii. building capacities of educators and trainers;
- iv. empowering and mobilizing youth;
- v. accelerating sustainable solutions at local level.

TrashedWorld and the Mediterranean Eco-operation Programme's proposal for an exhibition booth as well as a workshop showcasing the TrashedWorld programme were accepted for the UNESCO Week.

As a result, workshop participants contributed a range of ideas to further improving the programme with suggestions for widening audience, creating innovative investigations for students, inserting new modules on SDG #12 in particular, and developing communication between young people and their neighborhoods on the issues of waste. Additionally, over one hundred delegates from all over the world subscribed to the TrashedWorld programme. UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova visited the TrashedWorld exhibition booth and was presented with a personal copy of the print version of the programme.

Discussions and negotiations were held with a number of key associations and organizations with a view to collaboration with TrashedWorld including offering TrashedWorld to the EcoSchools with the Foundation for Environmental Education; sharing TrashedWorld with education groups in the Mediterranean (MIO/MEDIS Network); discussion for a new study module on Oceans and Seas with the international network The Baltic Sea Project; collaboration with the UN associated schools network (ASPEN); collaboration for upper juniors and secondary resources with the Think Equal organization.

"Each place had its particular effect on me. Saida, south of Beirut showed me what happens if you do nothing" says Jeremy Irons. Join this ever expanding youth and ESD network exploring and sharing research into waste around the world.

Let's talk trash!

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