



SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING

September 21-22, 2017

New York City, USA



Key Partner

UNESCO Global Action Programme on
Education for Sustainable Development

“We need to change in order to secure the promise of sustainable development, human rights and peace for our grandchildren. And we have no time to lose.”

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres

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CONCEPT NOTE

Reinforcing Partnerships (SDG-17)

SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY Effective Achievements

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Agenda)

The United Nations General Assembly adopted on September 25, 2015 the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”** and as a supportive action **Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION PARTNERS** signed on September 27, 2015, in New York, the **Sustainable@EDU Commitment** <https://millenniumedu.org/sustainableedu/> expressing their agreement to contribute for the achievement of the **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**.

Following five successive years of **Meetings** organized to reinforce partnerships, in 2017, the **VI Meeting - SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING** aims to reinforce and enlarge the cooperation between stakeholders, in line with **“SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals”** <https://millenniumedu.org/sdg17/> and assumes the designation of the Meeting as **“SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING”** stating the new approach as well as broadening its scope.

The **“SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING”** will focus on three interlinked drivers of **Sustainable Development: Education, Monitoring and Technology**, as follows:

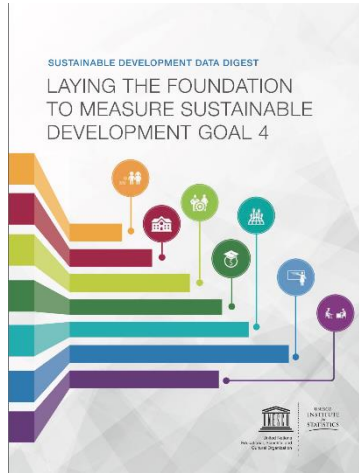
Education – the **Meeting** will focus on **Education for Sustainable Development** as well as on the use of technology to improve the access and quality of education and on how the personal and social awareness of the scientific method and technological tools can contribute to a better management of data, **Monitoring** and effective achievement of **SDGs**. As a reference for this Topic, the **Meeting** will focus on the “**UNESCO GUIDE: “Learning Objectives: Education for Sustainable Development Goals”**”: <https://millenniumedu.org/education-for-sustainable-development/> and on its role to promote 21st century literacies with focus on the themes of the Seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – in particular the **Literacy of Peace, Energy, Water, Climate and Partnerships**;



Education for
Sustainable Development Goals
Learning Objectives



Monitoring – the **Meeting** will be attentive to the **United Nations Indicators framework** <http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/> adopted at the **47th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission** <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/47th-session/documents/> to **Monitor the SDGs implementation** and also on how technological solutions can support the **Indicators Framework implementation** and going beyond that to develop **Data-driven Education approaches**. The reference to this Topic is the **UNESCO DOCUMENT: “SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DATA DIGEST: LAYING THE FOUNDATION TO MEASURE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 4”**:



Technology – the **Meeting** spotlights are directed to **technology trends** which can support **Education and Monitoring Data** such as **Cloud-services, Internet of Things - IoT, Self-tracking-data, Data-analytics, Predictive-data and many others with real value**. In particular, we highlight holistic approach implementations and **transformation frameworks**, like **SMART SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION, Smart & Sustainable Learning, Smart & Sustainable Campus and Schools and Smart & Sustainable Classrooms**. The reference document to this Topic is the “**NMC/CoSN Horizon Report: 2016 K-12 Edition**”



Selected Background Documentation

Although other selected resources will be used for specific sessions or presentations, there are three **Baseline Documents** for the overall **SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING**:

- **UNESCO GUIDE: Learning Objectives: Education for Sustainable Development**
<http://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/sustainable-development-goal-4>
- **NMC/CoSN Horizon Report: 2016 K-12 Edition**
<https://www.nmc.org/publication/nmc-cosn-horizon-report-2016-k-12-edition/>
- **70/1.Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
<https://millenniumedu.org/sustainable-education/>

New Co-hosting Model

The **Meeting** is organized in a new **Co-hosting Model** where different organizations and companies will host sessions on different topics related to the themes of the **SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING** and their own specific focus of activity.

Bellow are presented some of the Sessions featured in the Meeting organized in the Co-hosting Model:

AFRICAN UNION CESA ICT in Education Cluster Session

ICT In Education Initiatives: Expectations And Way Forward To Achieve The SDG's



Co-Hosting Session

African Union Commission – GESCI – Millennium@EDU SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION

A panel on “**ICT In Education Initiatives: Expectations And Way Forward To Achieve The SDG’s**” will be co-hosted with the **African Union Commission - CESA ICT in Education Cluster** and **GESCI** as its Lead Coordinator, as part of the program of the Cluster. This panel focuses on disseminating the **efforts of the African Continent in promoting Education for Sustainable Development and showcases the role of ICT Stakeholders within the “Continental Education Strategy for Africa” for 2016-2025 (CESA 16-25)** – created as part of the **Global Agenda 2063 of the African Union**.

Program and Presentations

The Program of the **VI Meeting SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING** is full of interesting presentations from **Millennium@EDU Stakeholders** who update the information on their Initiatives and Programs offering collaboration opportunities and presentations from the **Co-hosts** as well as from **Guests**, also providing fresh views on the most relevant worldwide issues with impact on education, technology and development.

An updated version of the Program, Presentations and Accompanying Materials can be found at the dedicated **Meeting Webpage**: https://millenniumedu.org/sem_nyc_2017/

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the **SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING** is **English**.

DATE and Place – Third Week of September (21- Thursday & 22 Friday) - New York City, USA

The **VI Meeting - SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING** will take place in New York City, USA, on **September 21 (Thursday) and on 22 (Friday), 2017**.

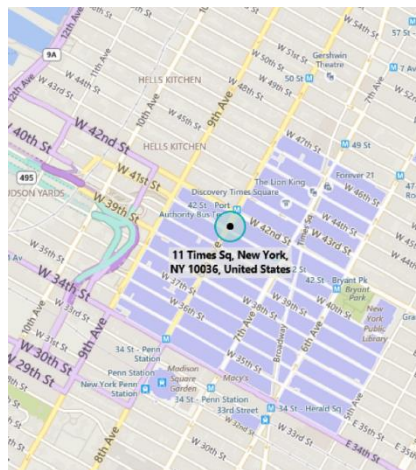
Every year the **Meeting** is in the third week of September, **the exact same week as the opening of the Annual Session of United Nations General Assembly**, giving the Stakeholders the opportunity to live and feel the context of our operational aims as a contribution for United Nations Millennium and Sustainable Development Agendas.

We also take the opportunity to cooperate with other institutions having events in the same area and during the same week and with similar purposes, as well as to have an exchange of views within this context.

VENUE – Microsoft Technology Centre NYC Time Square

As an important contribution from the **Millennium@EDU Stakeholders**, the venues of our events are offered by our partners.

This approach benefits also the relations with our partners and among them. It helps to understand the hosting stakeholder culture, organization and methods.



The **VI Meeting - SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING** is hosted by Microsoft and it will take place at the **NYC Microsoft Technology Center Times Square**
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/mtc/locations/new-york.aspx>

Who Attends the Meeting

Around 50 participants are expected to attend the **SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION MEETING**. The concept of the Event is to give the chance to all participants to know each other and the projects they are engaged as well as the opportunities of collaboration.

The participants are leaders from companies committed to education, technology and sustainable development, in particular to projects involving technologies. Companies like Microsoft (which will host the meeting), Intel and other companies or entities with outstanding

international recognized skills in the referred fields, with relevant activity in their country or region and involved in sustainable education projects.

PARTICIPATION & REGISTRATION

Participation & Registration are by Invitation only and the confirmation will be sent after registration at EventBrite.

SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS

Speakers will receive a specific Invitation to make a Presentation on a Thematic Session and information on the aim of their Presentation.

SPECIFIC WEBPAGE

https://millenniumedu.org/sem_nyc_2017/

In order to promote stronger participation, a **Webpage** has been created for the **Meeting** - https://millenniumedu.org/sem_nyc_2017/ - with links to the different areas of the **Millennium@EDU Website** related to the themes in focus and other relevant information.

The participants of the **Meeting** can find information about the speakers, their organizations and main initiatives as well as accompanying materials of the presentations. The information will remain available for future reference.

CONTACTS

Any additional information can be obtained via **email**: info@millenniumedu.org or **website**: <https://millenniumedu.org/contact/>

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