



# EU as Global Actor

The International Programme Office for Education and Training has the pleasure of inviting you to the European Conference on Education for Sustainable Development - Lund Calling 2009.

*"Meeting global challenges through creativity and innovation in local education"*

September 28-29, 2009.

Dear colleague,

As policy maker, expert or practitioner in education and training you are hereby cordially invited to the European Conference for Sustainable Development (ESD). The conference is offered by The International Programme Office in cooperation with the City of Lund, Lund University and Region Skåne. The conference will be held in the City of Lund in southern Sweden on 28-29 September 2009.

## **Global and European Perspective**

The conference [Lund Calling 2009](#) will be an international event in association with the Swedish Presidency of the European Union. The conference will draw attention to Education for Sustainable Development and discuss key topics from global and European perspectives. [Lund Calling 2009](#) will be a unique arena for policy-makers, experts and practitioners in education and training within the thematic field to meet and share innovative and creative ideas.

## **Venue for joint discussion**

The conference aims to strengthen the concept and the practice of ESD in a European context. By creating a venue for a joint discussion between policy makers, experts and practitioners the conference intends to be a linking, proactive and forward-looking centre of dialogue that generates new action and agency in the interface of policy making and educational practice. By bringing the European perspective into this innovative format of discussion new ground may be broken.

## **Lifelong learning**

The European educational agenda encompasses crucial elements of teaching, learning and training as in the EU Lifelong Learning Programme and the development of key competences. The eight key competences are identified by the European Parliament as those which all individuals need for personal fulfilment and development, active citizenship, social inclusion and employment.

## **Merging three expressions**

[Lund Calling 2009](#) wants to bring the imperative implementation of Education for sustainable development into both the European context of lifelong learning and the European expression of key competences. If successful, the merging of these three expressions of educational capacity and challenges to education and training will create an innovative but also fundamental combination that strongly could impact on daily practice and educational behaviour. Furthermore, as long term result such a process would also bring new understanding of sustainable development within the European dimension.

## **International conferences**

Over the course of 2009 a number of significant conferences will take place on the international stage: milestones such as the World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC) in Montreal and the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (WCESD) in Bonn. These proceedings will bring challenging tasks to

Europe and to the regional levels in the EU. How can the good examples, the best practices and the conclusions from these and other meetings be transferred to promote a wide implementation of sustainable development in all learning activities and educational policies?

#### Gothenburg Recommendations

Lund Calling 2009 will address these critical questions in an interactive, holistic, cross-sectored and hands-on way. With the local and regional perspectives as the point of departure and the Gothenburg Recommendations on ESD as a guiding star. The Gothenburg Recommendations are the result of a recent effort to promote the implementation of UNESCO's declarations on ESD by offering tangible guidelines to practitioners.

The conference programme will be diverse in expression but interlaced as to content. The conference will include keynotes from leading decision makers, inspiring lectures, interactive seminars, case-based workshops, study visits and an RCE exhibition fair – all interwoven with entertainment and receptions.

#### RCE Skåne

In 2007 the Skåne region in Sweden was appointed as a UN Regional Centre of Expertise on ESD (RCE). The city of Lund, as well as the region as a whole, is rich with examples of successful integration of sustainable development in both formal education and the context of lifelong learning. The location of the conference Lund Calling 2009 can therefore be regarded as the ideal environment for this important international event of the year.

#### Welcome to Lund

Given the brief overview in this invitation, hereby The International Programme Office and cooperative partners welcome you to Skåne, the southern province of Sweden, and to the conference Lund Calling 2009.

On behalf of the conference organisers,



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## Lund Calling 2009

**Where:** Lund, Sweden

**When:** September 28-29, 2009

**Registration at:** [www.lucus.lu.se/LundCalling](http://www.lucus.lu.se/LundCalling)

**Registration deadline:** Postponed to September 1, 2009

**Programme and more information at:** [www.lucus.lu.se/LundCalling](http://www.lucus.lu.se/LundCalling)

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