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Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCE) have emerged as key facilitators of goals to combat climate change while encouraging economic growth and human development. Over time, the field of ESD has seen robust uptake by the international community and been inextricably linked to global policy objectives, including those of UNFCCC, WHO, and other UN bodies.

How effective are current conceptualizations of ESD/GCE, related implementation strategies, and ESD/GCE policy production?

How has global momentum for ESD/GCE been translated to effective local practice?

This session will present projects and case studies on ESD/GCE implementation, highlighting actionable insights relevant across various contexts. It will also share knowledge and critiques from leading scholars to inform current and future educational planning.



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Marianne Overton
CEMR Spokesperson
on Climate
Opening Remarks



Rajendra Shende
Director of the Green
TERRE Foundation
Keynote



Dr. Amber Webb
Managing Director,
SDG Academy, SDSN
Moderator



Dr. Carl Wright
SG Emeritus and Board
member, CLGF
Closing Remarks

Speakers



Clifford Galea
Member of CEMR and
PLATFORMA Young Elected
Officials Committee (YEOC)
Less talk more actions: driving
a small state community
towards a better world



Dr. Prithi Nambiar
Senior Programme
Director at the Centre for
Environment Education
Scaling up sustainability
education for impact and
action



**Dr. Pramod Kumar
Sharma**
Senior Director of
Education with the
Foundation for
Environmental
Education (FEE)
Galvanising Education for
Sustainable Development
Practice through the Greening
Education Partnership: Steering
Green Schools Toward 2030 and
Beyond



Quinn Runkle
Director of Education,
SOS-UK
Quality youth-led climate
education policy, and its role in
ensuring net zero goals are met



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PLATFORMA is the pan-European coalition of towns and regions – and their national, EU and global associations – active in city-to-city and region-to-region development cooperation.

SDSN programs operate at the intersection of science, policy, and development practice with the shared focus of maximizing SDG achievements at the global, regional, national, and local levels.

The **SDG academy** is the premier source of high-quality resources and guidance on education for the SDGs, with the mandate to enrich the field of sustainable development and advance Agenda 2030.



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