

# RESOLUTION

## All-Ukrainian Environmental Forum

### "Children for Environment: The Future We Want"

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**We, the Forum participants, recognize** the complexity and scope of ecological objectives and claim that the introduction of education for sustainable development in the system of formal and informal education will increase the competence of citizens and enhance their ability to lead a healthy and environment-friendly lifestyle. A term "Education for sustainable development" and its meaning is based on the materials of [Resolution of Summit Rio +20 "The Future We Want"](#).

**We believe** that environmental competence can be considered as one of the most important outcomes of education for sustainable development. The current ecological competence involves the ability of the individual to solve life situations on the basis of sustainable development principles.

**We reaffirm** our commitment to the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), [Resolution of Summit Rio +20](#) and [UN Framework Convention on Climate Change](#).

**We emphasize** on the importance of environmental awareness, new system of values, ecological culture, development of environmental education to harmonize the interaction of human being and nature.

**Despite all of the above we offer to:**

1. Amend National Strategy for Education in Ukraine on 2012 - 2021 on the basis of sustainable development and implement it by law;
2. Provide public discussion of the concept of education for sustainable development;
3. Conduct parliamentary hearings with the subject "Development of environmental education and education for sustainable development";
4. Strengthen cooperation in the field of education for sustainable development between the leading environmental NGOs and youth organizations of Ukraine with Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine;
5. Share experience and apply best practices in the field of environmental education and education for sustainable development;
6. Strengthen cooperation between environmental NGOs and youth organizations in Ukraine with the leading international organizations in the field of education for sustainable development;

7. Launch a system of state monitoring of education for sustainable development and the state database in the field of environmental education;
8. Launch and ensure functioning of Partner Network for Education for Sustainable Development in Ukraine which will include government agencies, institutions of postgraduate education, universities, colleges, schools, community organizations, etc. Create a website to disseminate information on the Partner Network, disseminate educational, informational, informative materials, share best practices, expand contacts and partnerships;
9. Share experience on creation of Partner Network in Ukraine among other countries and international organizations through a process of [UNECE "Education for Sustainable Development"](#) as a contribution from Ukraine to the Program of work for the period after 2014 (after the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development as defined by UNESCO);
10. Support the development of national pilot initiative "Green class". Support to raise awareness of teachers and students on education for sustainable development, distribute information and cognitive and instructional materials in all schools and regions of Ukraine;
11. Determine creation of youth environmental centers at schools as priority to consolidate the efforts of teachers, students and the public;
12. Develop strong links between the learning process and society through participation in important social and environmental actions at international, national and local levels;
13. Create online portals with online books and other materials in the field of education for sustainable development;
14. Apply a wide range of teaching methods, use such methods as discussion, role play, case studies, excursions and trips;
15. Support initiatives of NGOs in conducting annual children's and youth environmental conferences and forums;
16. Develop green tourism, rural tourism and cycling tourism;
17. Launch regular environmental education programs for youth on the national and local radio and television channels;
18. Ensure broad mass media coverage of this issue;
19. Disseminate Memo "Code of sustainable conduct" by means of national mass media;
20. Launch ecological lessons in schools "Library of ecological thought".

***Resolution is adopted by all Forum participants and sent to the [UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat](#), [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Secretariat](#), [Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine](#), [Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine](#) and [Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine](#).***