

2021 UNESCO - JAPAN PRIZE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The 2021 edition of the [UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development](#), has been announced. The [Education for sustainable development](#) empowers people with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values and behaviors needed to think and act for a sustainable future. UNESCO promotes ESD at all levels and in all social contexts.

Funded by the Government of Japan, the Prize was established by UNESCO in 2015 to reward exceptional projects and programmes undertaken by institutions, organizations or other entities in the field of Education for Sustainable Development. The Prize aims at generating and scaling up action for ESD at all levels of education and learning, and contributes to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The call for nominations is open until 30 April 2021.

Eligible for the Prize are institutions and organizations with a specific ESD project/programme that shall:

- be ongoing and has been running for at least 4 years,
- demonstrate evidence of results and a high impact, relative to the invested resources,
- be replicable and scalable,
- contribute to one or more of the [5 priority action areas of the ESD for 2030 framework](#): advancing policy, transforming learning and training environments, developing capacities of educators and trainers, mobilizing youth, accelerating sustainable solutions at local level.

All candidates have to be nominated by the government of an UNESCO Member State, via their Permanent Delegation or by an NGO or Foundation in official partnership with UNESCO. Each Member State or Organization can nominate up to 3 candidates for each edition of the Prize. More useful information to participate can be found [in the FAQ section of the Prize website](#).

The three laureates of the 2021 Prize, chosen by an independent international jury, will receive an award of US \$50,000 each. In addition, winners will be invited to join the ESD for 2030 Global Network (ESD-Net), in order to establish long-term collaboration with UNESCO beyond the award ceremony.

Through [Education for Sustainable Development](#) UNESCO aims to improve access to quality education on sustainable development at all levels and in all social contexts, to transform society by reorienting education and help people develop knowledge and skills needed for sustainable development. It is about including sustainable development issues, such as climate



change and biodiversity into teaching and learning. Individuals are encouraged to be responsible actors who face challenges, respect cultural diversity and contribute to creating a more sustainable world.

The [ESD roadmap for 2030](#) sets out the urgent challenges the planet is facing and underlines the implementation of the new *Education for Sustainable Development: Towards achieving the SDGs (ESD for 2030)* framework, which aims to increase the contribution of education to build a more just and sustainable world. The Prize is one of the tools of the ESD initiative.

[The winners of the 2019 UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development](#) were three Projects from Botswana, Brazil and Germany, chosen from 115 nominations, submitted by the governments of 63 UNESCO Member States and ten organizations in official partnership with UNESCO. The core selection criteria were the projects' potential for transformation, their innovative quality and ability to embrace all three dimensions of sustainability: the economy, society and the environment.

Nominations for the 2021 UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development can be submitted in English or French until 30 April 2021.

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