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"Sustainable Development
Landmarks"

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**THE 1ST VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION**
December 11-13, 2020

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Background

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** for all the countries to achieve by 2030 in order to transform the world for sustainable future. Education is acknowledged to be the most powerful means to raise awareness and knowledge about pressing global challenges that concern sustainability, amongst them human-induced climate change and global warming, environmental degradation, limited and recklessly exploited resources, poverty and unsustainable economic structures, demographic changes, etc. To facilitate the transition of the planet and the global society to a sustainable world, the SDGs demand that by 2030 "all learners acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development…" (SDG 4 Target 7) and that "people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development" (SDG 12 Target 8).

In response to the challenges, faced by governments and populations around the world, a lot is being made to thoroughly equip **education as a key enabler of the SDGs**. But the problem is that **the ESD (Education for Sustainable Development)** efforts need education, which is sustainable itself. Focusing on education, SDG 4 stresses the criticality of ensuring high-quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. Much still remains to be done to consolidate the transformative potential of the relevant national and international stakeholders including government agencies, academic and educational institutions, NGOs, experts, parents and other active representatives of the public.

2. Overall Goal

Since education underpins all the spheres of our life, the achievement of the desired SDGs seems to be impossible without raising good critical thinkers and skillful agents of sustainable future. **Our Mission** is to unite all the interested parties in their striving to facilitate pursuing the SDGs through the transformation and modernization of the education system, that will consequently support learners of all ages to be active contributors to more peaceful and sustainable societies and develop a sense of responsibility for our planet.

Thus, **SEVIC 2020** encourages **scholars** and **practitioners** to meet and exchange ideas and views in **the Virtual International Conference format**, stimulating respectful dialogue and affording an exceptional opportunity for renewing old acquaintances, making new contacts, networking, and facilitating partnerships across national and disciplinary borders.

3. Objectives

- Raising global and national awareness on sustainable development challenges and the crucial role of education as a key enabler of the successful achievement of all the SDGs.

- Raising awareness of the existing European and global frameworks that are relevant for sustainable education.

- Bringing the problems of the Ukrainian system of education on the agenda of the EU- and national stakeholders in the sustainable education field.

- Bringing together diversity of experiences from across the globe towards education for change and bringing in the element of quality improvement in education.

4. Format

The **virtual Cisco-Webex-based format** of the Conference will include **interactive plenaries** for debate and dialogue and concurrent **sessions** for the in-depth discussion of the burning problems of the (1) **home-based family education**, (2) **primary education**, (3) **secondary education**, (4) **higher education**, and (5) **lifelong learning**.

The Conference will also offer the participation in three **webinars** addressing **Media Literacy**, **Academic Integrity**, and **the role of ICT in ensuring sustainable education**.

5. Keynote Speakers

Sabine Pendl,
President of the European Association for International Education (EAIE)

Davide Parmigiani,
President of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE)

Annette Scheunpflug,
Chair of the Global Education Network Europe (GENE)

Víctor Petuya,
President of the European Parents' Association (EPA)

Maria Chiara Pettenati,
Research Director at the National Institute of Documentation, Innovation and Educational Research (INDIRE)

Daniel Baril,
Chair of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL)

Iryna Sikorska,
Chair of the Ukrainian Association of Professors and Researchers of European Integration (APREI)

Oleksandr Elkin,
Head of the Board of PO EdCamp Ukraine
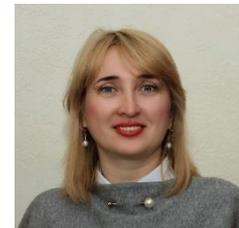
Iryna Zadorozhna,
Chair of the Department of English Philology and Methods of Teaching English at Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University

6. Date and Place

December 11-13, 2020, online.

To participate, please visit the Conference website (sevic.org) and choose the appropriate registration option.

7. Participation

The Conference aims at bringing together the interested participants (internationally and nationally) representing the multi-disciplinary and diverse group of stakeholders including researchers, policy makers, teachers and educators, curriculum development experts, representatives of schools and education networks, as well as individuals from the private sector and civil society.

Participation is **fee-based**. **50% reduced fees** will be applied to low-income and lower-middle-income countries as indicated by the World Bank Classification. **The Conference Partners' representatives participate at no cost.**

8. Working Languages

The Conference working language is **English**.

9. Organizers and Partners

The Conference is organized by **the Non-Governmental Organization "Sustainable Development Landmarks"** (sdl.org.ua) and **Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University** (pnu.edu.ua) under the support of **the Ministry of Education of Ukraine** (mon.gov.ua) and **the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine** (naps.gov.ua).

The Conference **Partner Universities** are:

Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University	National Pedagogical Dragomanov University	Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University	T.H. Shevchenko National University "Chernihiv Colehium"	Kherson State University	Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv	Uzhhorod National University	Oleksandr Dovzhenko Hlukhiv National Pedagogical University	Bohdan Khmelnytsky Cherkasy National University	National Aviation University	Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University
Rivne State University of Humanities	Donbas State Pedagogical University	Hryhorii Skovoroda University in Pereiaslav	Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University	Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University	Northern University (Republic of Armenia)

The Conference **Partner Organizations** are:

European Parents' Association (EPA)	International Association for Technology, Education and Language Studies (IATELS)	Erasmus+UA National Office	Ukrainian Association of Professors and Researchers of European Integration (APREI)
Institute for Education Development	Ukrainian Educational Research Association (UERA)	Centre for Communication Research	Center for Innovative Educational Technologies "PNU EcoSystem"

10.Contact

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