Plenary Session 2 – Context: The Sustainable Development Goals

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SDG 4: ‘Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all’

Key features:

• Access, equity and inclusion, gender equality, quality, lifelong learning
SDG 4 Targets

4.1. Primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes
4.2 Early childhood development, care and pre-primary education leading to school-readiness
4.3. Technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university
4.4. Skills for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship
4.5. Gender equality, equity and inclusion
4.6. Youth and adult literacy and numeracy
4.7. Knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development (ESD and GCED)
SDG 4 Implementation

- UNESCO mandated to **lead and coordinate**
- Governments **lead implementation**
- **Education 2030** Framework for Action to guide implementation, indicate strategies, outline support
- Coordination structures:
  - Education 2030 Steering Committee
  - Regional multistakeholder meetings
  - Policy Dialogue, Capacity-building
  - Global Education Monitoring Report
Target 4.7:
By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.

Target 4.a:
Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.
The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development: “Transforming our World”

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