

<Concept Note>

4th Youth Leadership Workshop on GCED

20 – 26 May 2018

Seoul, Republic of Korea



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

APCEIU

• Asia-Pacific Centre of
• Education for International Understanding
• under the auspices of UNESCO

Background

Our society faces challenges and threats that require collective efforts from the international community to solve the problems and to transform our world to make it a more just, peaceful, and sustainable place for all. To recognize these challenges, in September 2015, the global community has adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defining the global priorities and aspirations for 2030. Target 4.7 of SDGs in particular has highlighted the importance of **fostering global citizenship** among learners at all age-levels. Oftentimes young people have only been perceived as learners, but considering their distinct spheres of action in terms of social, economic and educational aspect within the society, they should be recognized as essential agents of change, as leaders, educators, advocates and learners.

In this context, young men and women must assume active roles in promoting global citizenship with their creativity, potential and capacity to bring changes at local and global levels. The **Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)** is committed to empowering youth by providing a platform where young people can meet, share, and work together to drive changes towards a Culture of Peace at various levels. The **Youth Leadership Workshops on GCED**, organized by APCEIU, was held annually since 2015 in collaboration with partners including the United Nations Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative (**GEFI**) and the Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity. The Workshop has enhanced the capacity of global youth leaders by facilitating dialogues, sharing good initiatives and practices, building communities, and strengthening advocacy skills to effectively foster global citizenship. The series of Workshops has led to the creation of **GCED Youth Network** to renew the members' commitment and continue to support their actions.

Building upon the achievements, the 4th Youth Leadership Workshop on GCED in 2018 will focus on developing effective advocacy strategies to maximize youth contribution in achieving SDG 4.7 through promotion of global citizenship. Held in Seoul, the Workshop will invite 50 dynamic youth leaders around the world, including those from developing countries and representatives of marginalized groups, and the participating youth will be fully engaged in dialogue and capacity-building training for five days.

Objectives

1. To deepen youth leaders' understanding of global citizenship and enhance their advocacy skills
2. To provide a forum for participating youth leaders to discuss and establish action plans suitable for the implementation of GCED at local, national, and regional levels
3. To identify innovative youth-led initiatives on GCED in different regions

Expected Outcomes

1. Youth participants' capacity enhanced in implementing GCED at local and global levels
2. Increased commitment of the youth participants in fostering global citizenship
3. Action plans developed by sub-groups for the implementation of follow-up activities
4. Announcement of the vision statement of GCED Youth Network
5. A set of actions of GCED Youth Network established for its future activity

Dates and Venue:

1. Dates: 20 - 26 May 2018
2. Venue: Seoul, Republic of Korea

Organizers and Partners

1. Organizer: APCEIU
2. Sponsor: Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea
3. Cooperation Partner: GCED Youth Network

Participants: 50~60 youth leaders/activists actively engaged in GCED

1. 50 fully-funded participants from open application
 - ※ *Applicants only from Official Development Aid (ODA) recipient countries will be eligible for the open application. Please refer to the Annex for the list of ODA recipient countries.*
2. Up to 10 self-sponsored participants (funded by affiliated organizations or by themselves)

Workshop Costs

APCEIU will provide accommodations, meals and local transportation for all participants during the workshop. APCEIU will also cover the round-trip international airfare to and from Seoul, Korea, for those selected as fully-funded participants.

※ *Participants are responsible for domestic travel expenses to and from the international airport in their countries and Korean visa application fees.*

※ *Only travel insurance during the workshop will be covered by APCEIU. If participants require or wish to have health insurance during that period, all expenses should be borne individually.*

Participant Selection Criteria

Participants will be selected on the basis of their previous experiences, present engagement and future commitment in educating and engaging with youth for the promotion of global citizenship at the local and national levels. Applicants should meet the following requirements:

1. Between 18 and 24 years of age
2. Citizens of the Official Development Aid (ODA) recipient countries
3. Minimum 2 years of active experience in youth activities
4. Knowledgeable in GCED related issues and priorities
5. Proficiency in spoken and written English

Selection Process

1. **Submission:** Application must be submitted **online**. The deadline is **25 March 2018 (KST 23:59)**.
2. **Notification:** Notification of selection in the form of invitation letter will be sent by **6 April 2018**.
3. **Registration:** All selected participants must register by **10 April 2018** at the latest. Late registration **will not** be accepted and will be considered as cancellation of participation. In case of cancellation, the participation invitation will be forwarded to the next applicant on the waiting list.

Workshop Components

1. **Narrative Building:** This session will highlight GCED in the context of Education 2030 and SDG 4.7. Also, the role of youth as both learners and agents of change will be discussed by inspirational speakers. While deepening their understanding of GCED, participants will have opportunities to discuss the priority issues and challenges as well as identify the relevant entry points in their local contexts.
2. **Developing Youth Advocacy:** This session will introduce the Youth Advocacy Toolkit by GCED Youth Network with interactive exercises. Critically reflecting upon GCED and the tools previously discussed, participants will link the tools and challenges they have identified during these sessions. Participants will gather in groups based on the areas of interest and later by regions to develop advocacy plans for GCED that are relevant in their local contexts. Action plans developed by sub-groups will be shared during final presentation.
3. **Study Visits:** Participants will make study visits to several selected places in Seoul and its vicinity to enhance their understanding of GCED-related themes as well as to have an opportunity to network with local youth groups.
4. **Reflection and Synthesis:** This session is designed to recap learning points of the past sessions, allowing participants to share reflections with fellow participants and facilitators, and to link across different sessions/segments. It is recommended that participants keep reflective journals during the workshop.
5. **Cultural Exchanges:** The cultural night is an opportunity to build a sense of community among participants while sharing cultural elements and insights with each other. During the workshop, participants will also explore Seoul, visiting some of its cultural heritage sites to examine the cultural aspects of the city and to enhance the mutual understanding through culture.

Tentative Programme

Time	Programme	Modality
Day 1 (Sunday, 20 May) : Arrival		
Day 2 (Monday, 21 May) : Setting the Stage		
Morning	[Opening] - APCEIU & GCED Youth Network [Narrative Building] SDGs 4.7 and Global Citizenship Education	
Afternoon	[Orientation & Community-Building] [Study Visits] Global Citizen Campus [Narrative Building] Presentations on GCED activities in region	
Day 3 (Tuesday, 22 May) : Deepening the Understanding of GCED		
Morning	[Narrative Building] Deepening the understanding of GCED	APCEIU
Afternoon	[Developing Youth Advocacy] Introduction of Youth Advocacy Toolkit and interactive exercises on youth advocacy	GCED Youth Network

Day 4 (Wednesday, 23 May) : Exploring Local Initiatives on GCED		
Morning	[Study Visits] Building a Culture of Peace for a Sustainable Future - Field Visit to Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) & Reflection	
Afternoon	[Cultural Exchanges] Visit local interests & Networking [Cultural Exchanges] Cultural Night	TBC
Day 5 (Thursday, 24 May) : Bottom-up Planning for GCED by Youth		
Morning	[Developing Youth Advocacy] GCED strategies by youth	GCED Youth Network
Afternoon	[Developing Youth Advocacy] GCED strategies by youth	Working Groups
Day 6 (Friday, 25 May): Final Presentation		
Morning	Final Presentation	
Afternoon	[Reflection & Synthesis] Closing	
Day 7 (Saturday, 26 May): Departure		

Contact Information

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Annex. DAC List of ODA Recipient Countries

Region	List of Countries
Africa (50)	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Arab States (11)	Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, West Bank and Gaza Strip, Yemen
Asia-Pacific (42)	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Liberia, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Wallis and Futuna
Europe (13)	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Moldova, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine
Latin America and the Caribbean (28)	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Venezuela

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