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UNESCO ESD Youth Conference

Applications are invited for participation in the UNESCO Youth Conference which will be held on 01 November 2014 in Okayama, Japan, under the joint collaboration of UNESCO, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, (MEXT), the Japanese National Commission of UNESCO, the City of Okayama, and the Goi Peace Foundation.

2. The Youth Conference aims to provide an opportunity for young people to exchange ideas and experiences on ESD, and discuss ways to further promote ESD at the global level.

3. After the Conference, the participants will have to actively engage in the World Conference in ESD in Aichi-Nagoya (10-12 November 2014) to share their views and opinions with decision-makers and experts working on ESD.

4. **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for participation in the UNESCO ESD Youth Conference, candidates must:

(i) be between 18-35 years of age as of 1 June 2014;
(ii) have demonstrated active engagement in the field of Education for Sustainable Development;
(iii) have good command of English, and be able to actively participate in conference discussions; and
(iv) be able to attend the full schedule of events in Japan from 6-13 November 2014 (or at least through 11 November), and to take part in the prior online consultations in September-October 2014 to prepare for Youth Conference discussions and input to the World Conference.

5. **Procedure for Application**

Applicants are invited to submit the Application Form available at the World Conference Website (http://www.unesco.org/new/en/youthconference) and related documents directly by e-mail at esd2014@goipeace.or.jp.

6. **Deadline for Application:**

The application deadline is **01 June 2014**.

7. For further information and Application Guidelines, interested candidates are requested to visit the Ministry’s website at: http://ministry-education.gov.mu

8. Applicants are requested to inform the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO in writing or by e-mail of their participation in the UNESCO ESD Youth Conference.

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