

CSD-15 Statement of Youth and Children.

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Thank you mister Chair,

First of all, we would like to thank all delegations that put emphasis on the importance of education. However we would like to stress the fact that it is actually the implementation that makes the difference. Therefore we make suggestions on the following three options:

1) Just like the EU stated earlier, capacity building of our present and future leaders, consumers and workers is vital for the success of implementation. Therefore education for sustainable development should be integrated into all formal curricula, starting in primary school.

2) Informal education is also vital to raise awareness for sustainability. Youth have proven to be very effective peer educators. Therefore governments should provide platforms, support them financially and stimulate environment for these kind of youth led initiatives.

Our third and last point the Youth and Children would be very happy to provide you with more information on these topics, therefore it's necessary to be involved in policymaking, at the local, national as well as international level.

Thank you very much.