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A Green New Deal

“We are now on the threshold of a global transformation – the age of green economics.”

- United Nations Secretary General
Ban Ki-moon

Low Carbon, Green Growth

“We are preparing to utilize our collective wisdom to transform the climate crisis facing our planet into an opportunity.”

- President of the Republic of Korea
Lee Myung-bak

1st Half of DESD at National Level

- Declaration of National Vision for Sustainable Development (2005)
- Adoption of National Strategy for SD including the Action Plan for ESD (2006)
- Approval of the Basic Law on SD and the Environmental Education Promotion Act (2007)

1st Half of DESD at National Level

- Announcement of a Low Carbon, Green Growth policy (2008)
- Application of the revised 7th National Curriculum reflecting ESD (2009)
- Development of ESD teaching materials (2009)

Challenges and Gaps

- Coordination among national bodies while maintaining the political will of government and legislature
- Collaboration among partners and stakeholders with different mandates and foci on diverse thematic areas

Challenges and Gaps

- Reorientation of existing education structures and programmes in order to open a new avenue for ESD
- Provision of committed human resources for all sectors of society through professional training opportunities

Suggestions for the 2nd Half

- Involvement of the broader UNESCO family at national, regional, and international levels
- Enhancement of links between UNESCO initiatives and UNU Regional Centre of Expertise for ESD (RCE)

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- Expansion of capacity-building workshops for national commissions, experts, and key ministerial officials
- Utilization of key national, regional, and international meetings and events to keep DESD momentum viable and sustainable

World Conference in Germany

- Encouragement of global political willingness, pipelined to the national level, moving into the 2nd half of the decade
- Exploration of the possibility of regional initiatives, flagship projects, and/or annual meetings

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