

Investing in Youth; Importance of Sustainability Education

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In 2014 a group of young community leaders from the African Region in collaboration with Arizona State University, decided to create the **Global Network for Sustainable Development (GNSD)**. It was officially launched at the meetings of Rotary Clubs of Kathmandu (Nepal). The mission of GNSD is to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals by educating youth about principles of environmental and economic sustainability, by promoting the idea of Global Citizenship, and by involving them in active realisation of these goals.

The organizers of the network strongly believe that creating job opportunities, involving youth in community projects addressing climate change, organizing in service leadership training, etc., may bring not only change of economic and social conditions, instill in young minds values and patterns for non-violent conflict resolution, develop partnerships locally and globally, but also create a solid base for peace. The mission of GNSD is to create globally in selected schools Sustainability and Peace Clubs that engage students in extracurricular activities focused on sustainable development and peace.

During the presentation Dr. Wosinski will describe experience of GNSD with creating sustainability and peace clubs in India, Nepal, USA and some African countries.