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To participants of the UNESCO
World Conference on Education for
Sustainable Development

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Invitation to the German Round Table after the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

Dear Madam, dear Sir

From March 31st until April 2nd, over 700 ESD representatives from all over the world will convene in Bonn on the occasion of the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development. Undertaking an overall stock-taking exercise of the different activities and projects pursued in the context of the implementation of the Decade so far as well as identifying strategies for the remainder of the Decade, represents a great opportunity for all ESD activists. In order to provide a forum for the discussion of the results of the World Conference among German and international ESD-representatives, the German Commission for UNESCO / the National Committee of the UN Decade of ESD in cooperation with the government of North Rhine-Westphalia and with the support of Deutsche Telekom will hold a Round Table immediately after the World Conference.

We would cordially like to invite you to join the

Round Table in the wake of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development on April 3rd, 2009.

The Round Table will open at 9 am and end at 5.30pm. Venue is the Headquarters of the Deutsche Telekom in Bonn. On the eve of the Round Table, an informal get-together with the participants of the World Conference and the German participants of the Round Table will be held.

Core elements of the Round Table will be

- information on the World Conference for German stakeholders
- applying the results of the World Conference to the German implementation of the UN Decade
- exchange between German and international stakeholders, and
- identifying key priorities for the second half of the Decade.



The German Round Table usually convenes once a year in autumn. Its approximately 100 members, ESD representatives from a wide range of educational institutions and backgrounds (ministries, civil society, educational organisations, local and regional ESD activists etc.) are nominated by the National Committee, which also takes part in the annual sessions of the Round Table.

For this special Round Table, additional participants from North Rhine-Westphalia, as well as representatives of official German "Decade Projects" and "Cities of the Decade" will be invited.

I would kindly ask you to return the attached registration form **by March 15, 2009**.

In the attached document you find the following:

- the programme of the Round Table
- a synopsis of the content of the workshops
- a description of how to get to the venue

On April 2nd, the day before the Round Table, there will be an award-ceremony of official Decade-Projects which will take place at 4.30 pm in the "Wasserwerk" at the World Conference Center. The informal get-together will take place on April 2nd, 7 pm, in the Kunstmuseum Bonn, Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 2, 53113 Bonn. The event is supported by the State Government of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Foundation for International Encounters (Stiftung Internationale Begegnungen) of the Savings Bank in Bonn.

Until March 4th you will be able to book hotel rooms through the following link:

<http://www.tcbonn.de/con/html/3348-266.html>

Please be aware that the enclosed programme is preliminary and might be subject to change.

Please note that participation in the event is limited to registered World Conference participants. There is limited seating so we would like to ask you to register as soon as possible by returning the attached registration form or sending an email to the following address: Ms. Cathrine Caspari, caspari@esd.unesco.de). Please also direct all organizational inquiries to Ms. Caspari (phone +49-30-83853178). Your registration for this event is only complete if you receive a confirmation email.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Round Table on April 3rd in Bonn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bernecker".

Dr. Roland Bernecker
Secretary-General, German Commission for
UNESCO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerhard de Haan".

Prof. Dr. Gerhard de Haan
Chairman, German National Committee for
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