

Global Trends in ESD

Global Citizens Forum

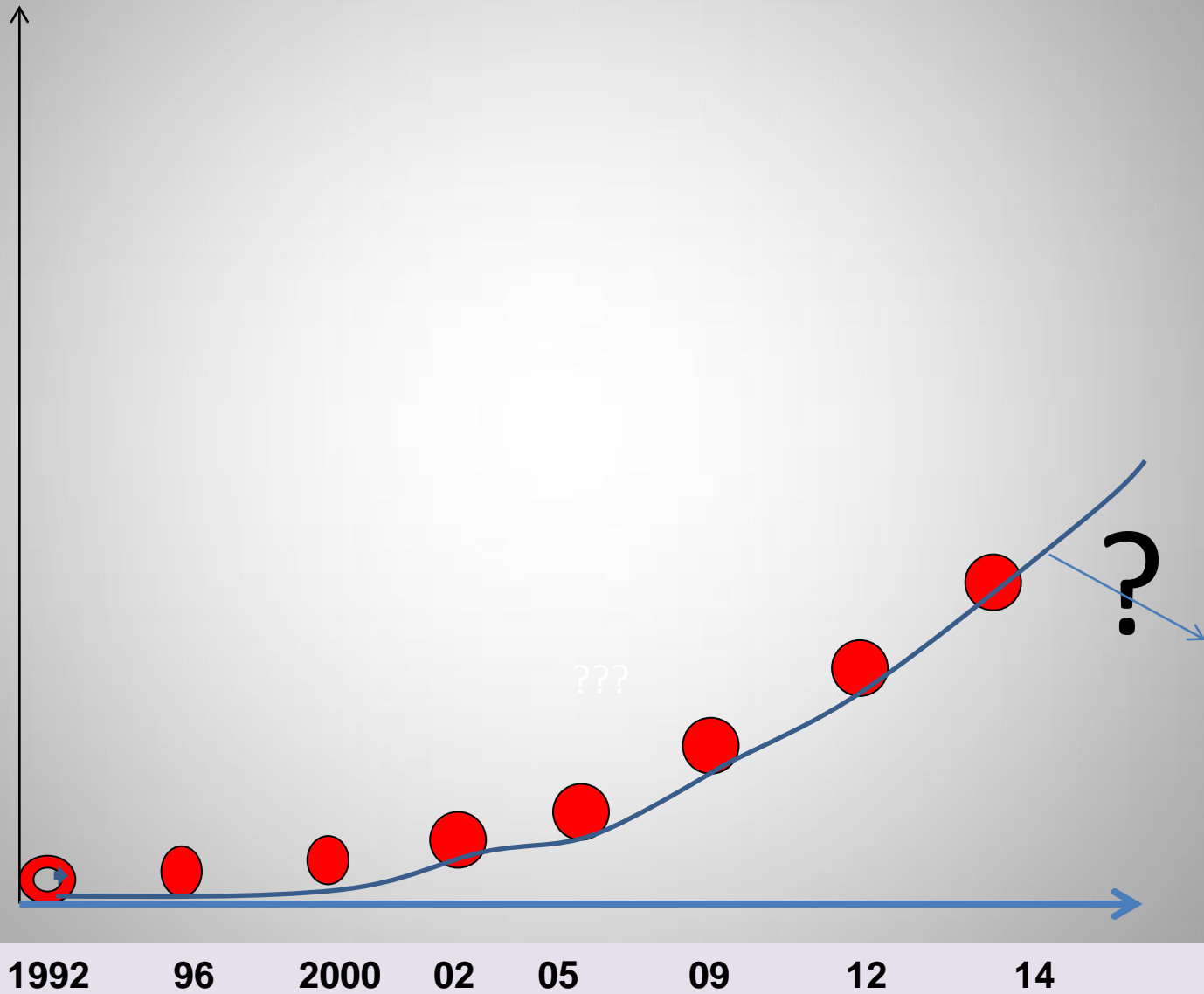
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Emergence of ESD

Activity/Implementation



Shift of ESD Emphasis

“In the second half of the DESD, the emphasis shifted from developing the concept of ESD towards achieving visible results. This is where we are today, twenty years after the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.”

Shaping the Education of Tomorrow - UNESCO

Defining Education FOR Sustainable Development (ESD)

ESD is the contribution of the world's education, public awareness, and training systems to learning our way towards a more sustainable future

- Overall, ESD seeks to enable citizens around the globe to deal with the complexities, controversies and inequities rising out of issues relevant to environment, natural heritage, culture, society and economy.

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A Change of Focus

- Requested by the UN in Agenda 21
- Seen as a moral obligation
- Seen as a contributor to a quality education with 21st Century skill sets

UNESCO World Conference on ESD

□ Bonn, 2009

900 participants - 150 countries,
48 ministers and vice-ministers

□ 4 Objectives:

- to highlight the contribution of ESD to quality education;
- to promote exchange on ESD;
- to take stock of activities;
- to develop strategies for the way ahead



Priorities of Bonn

- Teacher Education
- Engaging Higher Education
- Professional Development for Education Leaders
- Partnerships
- Research
- Monitoring and Evaluation



United Nations
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United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
(2005-2014)

Guidelines and Recommendations for Reorienting Teacher Education to Address Sustainability



ESD Innovations by FoE

- Jamaica – Young male violence
- Pakistan – Women's rights
- Canada – Indigenous knowledge
- Finland – Well being, ECCE
- Latvia, New Zealand etc. ECCE
- South Africa – Social Justice
- China – Climate change
- Sweden – Citizenship
- Japan – Environmental programs

Engaging Senior Education Leaders

- *ESD touches every aspect of education including planning, policy development, programme implementation, finance, curricula, teaching, learning, assessment, administration.*

Manitoba, Canada Education Goal

“To ensure education in Manitoba supports students experiencing and learning about what it means **to live in a sustainable manner.**”

Manitoba Education, 2010

Sustainability and Education Academy (SEdA)

SEdA Program Areas:

1 Policy

2 Curricula and Pedagogy

3 Facilities and Operations

4 Community/Partnerships





Radical Hope!!

We need more

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Handprints”**



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