

Period of activity: 2014

As it was stated in Article 2 of the Network Agreement between UNESCO and the Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, the main objective of the Network is to establish long-term cooperation between the partner universities on strengthening teacher education at different institutional levels.

The primary focus in 2014 was on the evaluation of the DESD performance shortly before the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (November 2014, Japan) and the analysis of the lessons that will form the basis for the Network future activities. Outstanding result of this extensive research of universities and evaluation of Pedagogical Network on the whole has been the official invitation of its members to attend the World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (Nagoya, Japan).

An important result of the Network activities has also been the expansion of pedagogical cooperation with the countries of Africa and the Pacific (Asia / Pacific) regions. The formation of new regional (South-South) relations became part of effective work of the Programme participants with the Network of UNESCO Chairs working in the field of ICTs in education and innovative pedagogy. Active cooperation of the Programme participants with members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO IITE greatly expanded educational platform of international master's program of UNESCO IITE "ICT in the professional development of teachers": Master's degree students received modular training at the UNESCO Chairs of Russian universities. Moreover, the intention to develop this program in other regions has been confirmed by written agreement.

Numerous initiatives of the Program participants significantly stepped up their work with national and cultural associations and diasporas in their countries: numerous meetings, exhibitions and competitions have been carried out, a dialogue in the context of UNESCO new humanism concept of is being successfully developed.