



TOGETHER TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Iceland presented its candidacy to the Executive Board of UNESCO for the term 2021-2025 in June 2018. The candidacy is supported by the other Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Iceland has a long-standing commitment to **multilateral cooperation** and a strong vision for an **active** and **effective UNESCO**.

Iceland prioritizes the **implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** through concerted efforts, strong partnerships and inclusive dialogue.

Iceland shares UNESCO's goals of promoting **peace** and **security** through collaboration in **education, science, culture, and communication**.

Iceland's priorities for UNESCO are **education, equality, youth, culture, and inclusion** – leaving no one behind.

Iceland will bring a **small state** perspective and act as an advocate for their common interests in the activities of the UNESCO Executive Board.

Iceland prioritizes inclusive high-quality education and actively supports UNESCO's leading role in the implementation of SDG4 on education and the Global Education Agenda.

Iceland is firmly committed to **protecting the world's heritage** – natural and cultural, tangible and intangible. This includes protecting and promoting cultural diversity and creativity and the preservation of languages.

Iceland places high priority on capacity building in developing countries and will continue to support UNESCO in its key role in developing institutional and human capacities to aid member states in reaching the SDGs.

Iceland is an active participant in scientific collaboration within key fields, such as **geology** and **oceanography**.

Iceland actively supports UNESCO's progressive and proactive voice for **human rights**. Respect for **fundamental freedoms**, including **freedom of expression** and the promotion and **safety of journalists**, are essential components to development and democracy.

Iceland has a strong commitment to multilateralism and will engage in cooperation and dialogue with UNESCO and all its member states at the Executive Board – working together towards a **sustainable future**.