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Teaching and researching she focuses on how to shape the approach of sustainable development and how to implement it into different fields of education – including kindergarten as well as adult education at university or outside of formal education and co-operating with partners in Europe and Latin America.

Consumption, Biodiversity, Production of Food, Work and Participation are main fields of interest in her teaching education for sustainable development.

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EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – NEW CHALLENGES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

1992 the world community decided to create and follow a program which pointed out the path for sustainable development – in the own country and through international co-operation. A crucial question will be education, explicitly named in chapter 36 of the conference document, the Agenda 21. Changing one’s views and developing a new way of thinking cannot be achieved without education. It is a new perspective to ascribe education in this sense not only respective to children and youth but to adults, too. The UN-decade “Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014” is motivating and supporting initiatives to include education for sustainable development into all fields of education worldwide in the sense of lifelong-learning.

This contribution deals with these challenges – recognizing the special one’s for adults. The philosophy of this approach has consequences for aims, contents and the working methods – and it opens perspectives on new innovative structures adequate for a new quality of learning.