

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS AS PREREQUISITE FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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ABSTRACT

In this paper is discussed the importance of Environmental Education and Awareness as a prerequisite for sustainable development in the globally society of the 21st century. Environmental education could provide critical thinking, effective decision-making for a peaceful world and the sustainable development.

Environmental education could increase environmental consciousness, ecological knowledge, knowledge of environmental issues, from primary school age through adulthood, in such a way so as the citizen of the 21st century could make decision for sustainable development improving the quality of life.