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She has delivered webinars worldwide on the issue. She supports the United Nations 2030 Agenda as a framework for teaching in the classrooms, as she has been a TeachSDGs ambassador and a United Nations Global Schools mentor for some years already. She advocates for the betterment of education as a whole working alongside numerous NGOs with the same aim.



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I'M PRESENTING

**Sustainable Minds: The Role
of SEL and Assessment in
Building a Better Future**



In today's complex world, education must move beyond content to nurture emotionally intelligent, socially aware, and action-ready individuals. This presentation explores the critical role of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in fostering sustainable mindsets and behaviors. It also highlights the need for meaningful assessment practices that capture students' growth in empathy, collaboration, and responsible decision-making. By integrating SEL with sustainability education and authentic assessment, we can equip learners not only to understand the challenges our planet faces but to respond with compassion, resilience, and agency—creating a future that is not only smarter, but kinder and more sustainable.