



Schools Connect


British Council updates

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**We support peace
and prosperity
by building
connections,
understanding
and trust between
people in the UK
and countries
worldwide.**




A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a white shirt and a bright green scarf, stands in front of a building with a large window and a door. The door has the number '10' on it. Other people are visible in the background, some blurred. The entire image is framed by a thick teal border with rounded corners.

**We work directly
with individuals to
help them gain the
skills, confidence
and connections
to transform
their lives.**

And we work
with governments
and our partners
in the education,
English language
and cultural
sectors, in the
UK and globally.



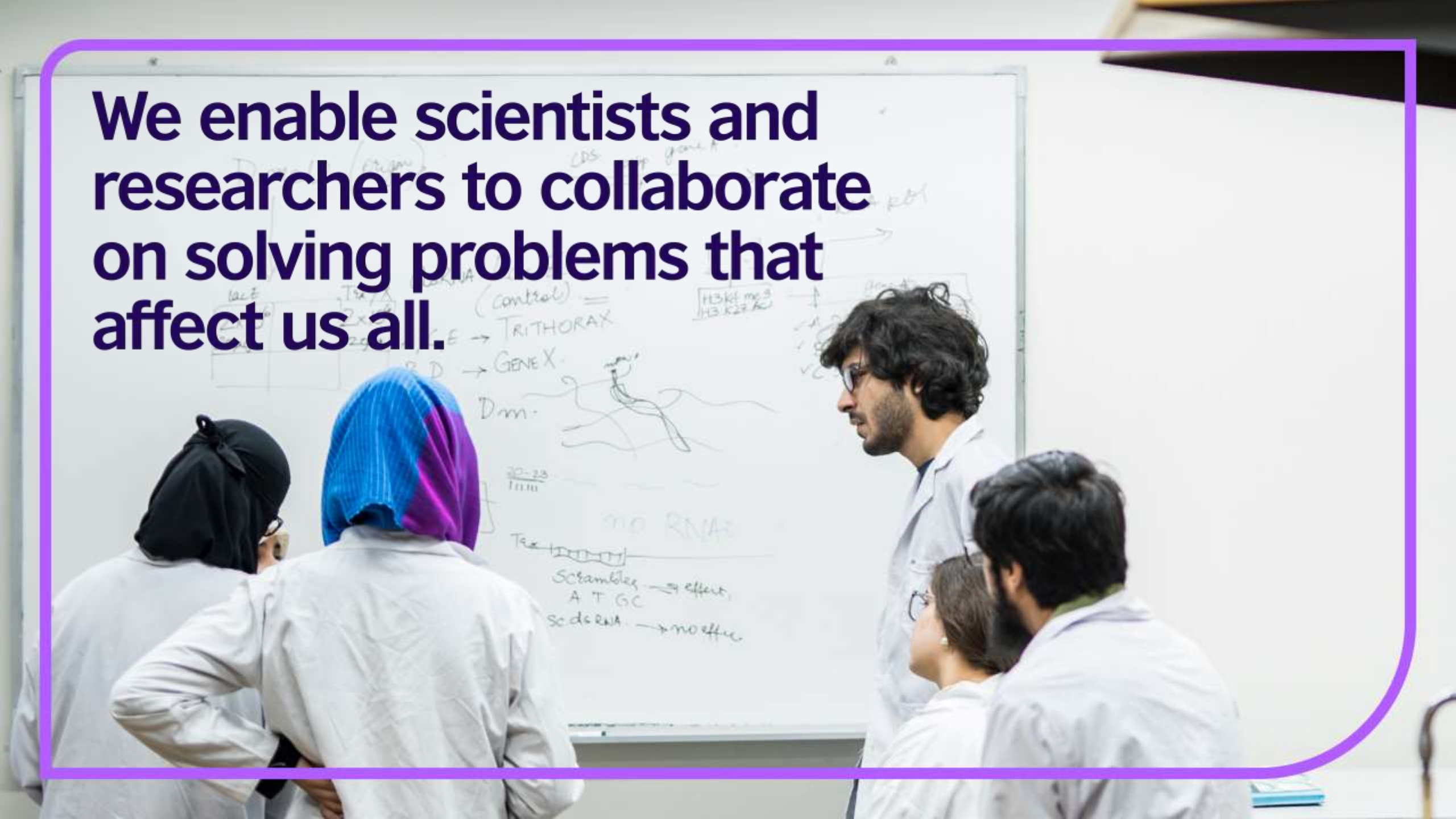


**Working together
we make a bigger
difference, creating
benefit for millions
of people all over
the world.**



**We extend
and strengthen
international
connections
in education.**

We enable scientists and researchers to collaborate on solving problems that affect us all.



**And we promote the
UK as a world-class
study destination.**

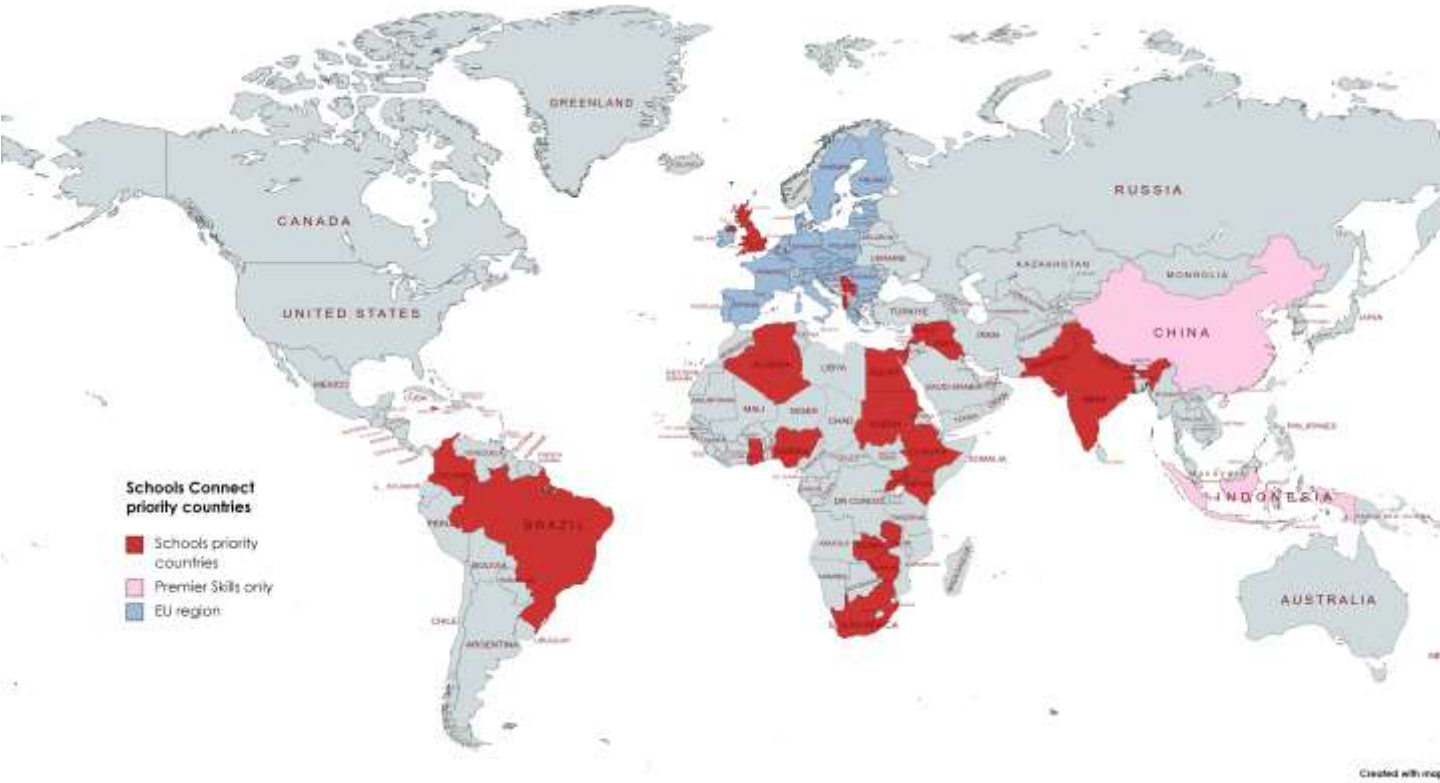


Our work in schools

We build international connections to improve education in schools. We do this through our Schools Connect programme and through partnerships with other organisations. Our work helps young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to respond to global challenges, now and in the future



Geographic priorities



UK	England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
SSA	Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zambia
South Asia	India, Nepal, Pakistan
MENA	Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, OPTs, Syria
Wider Europe	Albania, Serbia
Americas	Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica
EU	Various- France priority country
East Asia	China (Premier Skills only)

Schools work outside the UK

Outside of the UK, we seek to support **policy development** with the aim of creating a professional workforce that are able to:

- lead schools that are **inclusive**
- effectively teach both **foundational and core skills**
- integrate climate change and **sustainability education** into the curriculum.



Schools work in the UK

Policy

We give policy makers opportunities to observe, experience and learn from effective education practice through international study visits. We provide advocacy and support for modern languages in UK schools.

Practice

We work with teachers and school leaders to develop international understanding among young people and support the teaching and learning of modern languages. We build partnerships between schools in the UK and around the world, and provide classroom resources, online training and events to share effective practice.

Schools Connect in the UK - policy

- Four nations policy meetings
- Outward study visits
- Inward study visits
- Education World Forum support
- Support bilateral exchange (France MoU)
- MFL advocacy e.g.
 - Language trends research
 - Membership of Cross Whitehall languages group



Schools Connect in the UK – practice (1)

Partnering with schools abroad

- Partner finding database
- Guidance, activities
- Guided partnerships – open
 - Climate change and sustainability education
 - Love of reading
- Guided partnerships – closed
 - Eurovision Liverpool-Ukraine
 - Leeds-Lille
 - Wales-France



Schools Connect in the UK – practice (2)

Bring the world into your classroom

- International School Award
- Education Exchange events
- COP simulation events
- Online CPD for teachers
- Classrooms resources

Culture packs

Global challenges resources



Partnerships and contracts

- Language Assistants
- Mandarin Excellence Programme
- UK-German Connection
- IEP Wales
- IEP Northern Ireland
- EU Stronger Together programme
- Language Teacher Training Scholarship (LTTS)
- Singapore Head-teacher Exchange

