Global Citizen's Backpack (part 1)

Step: One - Get Connected!

Time: 30 min

Space and materials:

- Large room with chairs;
- Markers, pens or pencils;
- Paper cut outs;
- Envelopes;
- Sticky dots.

Description of the tool

1. Introduce the participants to the following story:

   *Imagine that you are preparing for a journey around the world. The mission of your journey –
   making the world a better place for everyone. For this, you need to take with you some
   important stuff – some knowledge, skills, values and attitudes, as well as other characteristics
   necessary to accomplish your mission. What knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and personal
   characteristics will you put into your backpack?*

2. Ask the participants to fill their 'backpacks' (an envelope) by writing or drawing skills, values,
   knowledge and other characteristics of a global citizen. They also put sticky dots on those
   items representing the characteristics of a global citizen, which they think they already
   have.

3. Invite those participants who feel comfortable to present the content of their envelopes in a
   plenary.

4. Start a discussion, using the following questions:

- Have you found anything new about yourself?
- Which of the characteristics are the most important to yourself? Why?
- Which are the key areas, you think, you are strong at?
- Which are the key areas, you think, you need most of the improvement?
- What key characteristics will allow you to think and act as a global citizen?

Additional remarks

After participants brainstorm and put all skills, values, knowledge and other characteristics of
a global citizen into their backpacks (envelopes), you can give them copies of the GlobaLab
Framework for Global Citizenship Education (see Chapter 2). Ask them to review it and allow them
to add to their envelopes the competencies they feel are important and they haven't put in yet.

It is possible to do the activities using cut out templates of different stuff people usually need
while travelling (as annexed).

Annex: Cut out templates