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**Thematic Area: Youth**

**RCE Community Position Paper**

**1. Introduction**

**‘**Youth’ as a thematic area for the global RCE community was not taken up as a distinct and separate area for discussion at the 6th Global RCE Conference in 2011. This paper is to be developed in a progressive and participative manner, evolving through RCE community discussions leading to the 7th Global RCE Conference.

**(Invitations to the Group: Please contribute ideas for the below-indicated headings.)**

**2. Needs and Challenges**

**3. Strategies**

**4. Actions**

**5. Follow-up Actions**

For the 7th Global RCE Conference, the group is asked to come up with a consensus decision on the following two points:

1. What are the key issues/challenges facing RCEs currently in the aspect of ‘Engagement with Policy Makers’; and
2. What are the top three things the group feels need to be discussed in person at the 7th Global RCE Conference?