

RCE E-Bulletin

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Message from the Global RCE Service Centre:

Dear colleagues and friends,

In response to your feedback, we are revising the RCE E-Bulletin to ensure more frequent delivery of ESD and RCE news. The bulletin will now be issued once a month and will feature a short synopsis of the latest news, events, publications, awards and recognitions. It will also include relevant links, where you can find out more.

We hope this redesigned bulletin will better meet your needs. We look forward to hearing your feedback on the new design. And of course we look forward, as always, to receiving your news so we can share it with the wider RCE community.

With much appreciation,

The Global RCE Service Centre

Upcoming Events:

RCE Gippsland Seeking Keynote Speakers for Sustainability Festival

RCE Gippsland is collaborating with a range of organisations from the Orbost community in rural South Eastern Australia to develop a number of sustainability related events. The focus of the events, a Sustainability Festival, requires a keynote speaker to both educate the local community and attract attendees from a wide variety of backgrounds, including agriculture, education and conservation. The festival will have a focus on both local food and energy production. The festival will be held on Monday, March 11 (public holiday in Victoria). RCE Gippsland welcomes suggestions for potential keynote speakers that will be in Australia and available around this time. There are funds available to cover speaker costs. For further information contact Scott Ferraro eo@gccn.org.au or Monica Green monica.green@monash.edu

The Power of ESD 2012

The Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development (SWEDESD) will host an international conference on ESD in Sweden from 24-26 October 2012. The aim of the conference is to bring together a group of well-placed international and Swedish practitioners, researchers and policy makers operating in the ESD domain. They will be sharing innovative, promising and evidence-based practical, theoretical and policy insights and lessons from around the world. Their conclusions will serve as inputs for the final two years of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005 – 2014) and the period thereafter. Find out more about the conference on the [SWEDESD website](#).

7th World Environmental Education Congress

You are invited to submit your proposal abstract to the 7th World Environmental Education Congress, which will be held at the Palais des Congres in Marrakech, Morocco from June 9 to 14, 2013. The Congress theme is: **[Environmental Education in Cities and Rural Areas: Seeking Greater Harmony](#)**. The **deadline** for submission of proposals is **October 31, 2012**. Proposals may be submitted in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish. The **presentation formats** to choose from are: **Oral Papers, Poster Presentations, Round Table Papers, and Workshops**. Detailed instructions for submitting your proposal are available at [this site](#).

Latest News:

7th Global RCE Conference Concludes in Tongyeong, South Korea

The 7th Global RCE Conference was held in Tongyeong, the Republic of Korea, from 21 to 24 September 2012. The Conference looked to the end of the Decade on Education for Sustainable Development in 2014 and beyond, providing a vision for the future and generating the momentum needed to make that vision a reality. To download

PPTs and presentations from the conference, visit the [UNU-IAS ESD website](#) and check back regularly to download the full minutes of the conference when they become available.

RCE Recognition Awards

During the 7th Global RCE Conference, more than 30 good practice cases were presented to participants. At the conference closing, the RCEs who led the projects that were featured in those presentations received RCE Recognition Awards for their good work. Read the case studies and find out more about the award on the [UNU-IAS ESD website](#).

COP 11 Side Event: RCEs and Biodiversity - Local Solutions Linking Education and Implementation

Bio-cultural diversity has emerged as an important component of education for sustainable development (ESD). ESD principles like value orientation, transformative education, cooperation, problem-solving, participatory action, holistic perspectives and self-organization are integral for conserving, revitalizing and sustainably using biological and cultural resources. On 8 October at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD-COP 11), the ESD Programme organized a side event to highlight cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder partnerships, good practices and pilot models from RCEs worldwide that successfully engage communities in the sustainable use or conservation of local bio-cultural diversity. To find out more about the event [please click here](#).

RCE Srinagar in Action

RCE Srinagar has been actively involved in supporting the quest for sustainable livelihoods and sustainable development in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). RCE Srinagar is a very active and successful RCE and we're featuring their good work in the early part of 2012 on the RCE Communications Portal. Read more about their work by [clicking here](#).

RCE Greater Sudbury Celebrates the Dearness Conservation Program

Sudbury Catholic District School Board (SCDSB) staff and students recently celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the implementation at all schools of the Dearness Conservation (DC) Program, a program developed by the Dearness Environmental Society! At this celebration Board administration took the opportunity to thank the teachers and students by acknowledging their efforts and successes. Each school used this opportunity to highlight their achievements by showcasing their projects in a display booth setting. Read more about the celebration by [clicking here](#).

RCE Makana hosts a capacity development event for African RCEs

Since 2011, the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) in collaboration with the Southern African Development Community Regional Environmental Education Programme (SADC-REEP) has been implementing a capacity development programme for African RCEs. Under this initiative, RCE Makana hosted a capacity development and training workshop for 22 African RCE coordinators at Rhodes University, South Africa on 7-9 September 2012. Notably, the capacity development event coincided with the 30th Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa (EEASA) Conference that took place at Rhodes University from 11-14 September 2012. RCE coordinators from the SADC countries stayed on after the capacity development event to attend and celebrate the EEASA Conference. For more details about the capacity development event, please visit the [UNU-IAS website](#).

Climate Change Adaptation Connections Strong in Sudbury

The Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium (GSCCC), led by Conservation Sudbury (NDCA), recently brought community leaders together in an exciting and interactive workshop to build capacity around climate change adaptation. A focus of the gathering was a new tool, the Gateway, a web-based weather and water information database designed to better inform the development of climate change adaptation measures. To read more about the Gateway and about other discussions that took place at the workshop, visit RCE Greater Sudbury's [news posting on the RCE Portal](#) or read the full report of the workshop on the website of the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium www.sudburyclimateaction.ca.

New Publications:

Towards Sustainable Livelihoods and Consumption & Production Through ESD

To build a socially just economy and a more sustainable society, our consumption and production systems must

become more sustainable -- not only in terms of market growth and resilience, but also in terms of productive non-market relations, ecosystem health, quality of life and the well-being of all involved. The Education for Sustainable Development programme at UNU-IAS has just published a book of case studies, showcasing groundbreaking education for sustainable development (ESD) initiatives that address some of the greatest challenges we face in moving to more sustainable consumption and production systems. They stem from the work of the [Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development](#) (RCE). Please click [here to download the book](#).

Opinion: The Crux of RCE Communication

Ali Bukar Ahmad, RCE Kano, shares his thoughts on communication for RCEs in a new opinion piece. Below is a short excerpt from the article. You can read the full piece on the [RCE Portal by clicking here](#).

“How well we strategize our communication will define who we are, what we do, for whom and what. Our communication competencies, analysis, planning, technique and methodologies will further define our commons and joint economic, social and ecological goals. ... In the spirit of ‘Nobody knows everything, but everybody knows something’ our greatest asset is our expertise, so we should always be ready to give out and take in of our expertise. And that can only be possible through communication within us and with the outside”

Sustainable Development at Universities: New Horizons

This book, prepared in the context of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), also known as Rio+20, contains the papers submitted to the World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities (WSSD-U-2012), which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 5 and 6 June 2012. It pursues the following main aims: to document and disseminate experiences from universities all round the world regarding education for sustainable development; to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of projects; and to introduce methodological approaches and projects which aim to integrate the topic of sustainable development in the curriculum of universities. Details on the book can be found on [this website](#).

Awards and Recognitions:

The International Alliance for Women (TIAW) World of Difference 100 Awards

Please share your congratulations with RCE Kyrgyzstan’s Chinara Sadykova who was been selected as a 2012 TIAW World of Difference 100 Award recipient! Each year, The International Alliance for Women (TIAW) World of Difference 100 Awards recognize extraordinary women and men from around the world who have contributed to the economic empowerment of women. As an award recipient, Chinara will be honored at the 2012 TIAW World of Difference 100 Award recipients at the World of Difference Awards Dinner being held October 18, 2012 as part of the TIAW Global Forum at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. For more information about the awards, visit the [TIAW website](#). Congratulations Chinara!!!

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