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**CONCEPT NOTE**  
**ON**  
**RCE KANO'S DIGITAL YOUTH FORUM FOR**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS**  
**The opportunity for a green recovery in the post**  
**COVID-19**

**PREAMBLE AND THE CRUX**

Sustainable Development (SD), is the kind of development that meets the needs of the present generation without jeopardizing the ability and opportunities of the future generations to meet their needs through integrating and holistic treatment of social, economical and environmental systems.

Consequently, The United Nations University Institute for the Advance Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) has been implementing Education for Sustainable Development program through various channels, including acknowledged Regional Centers of Expertise (RCEs) around the world over the years based on ESD's four thrusts;

- 1- Improving access and retention to quality basic education
- 2- Reorienting existing educational programs to address sustainability
- 3- Increasing public understanding and awareness on sustainability and
- 4- Providing training, using all forms of education (formal, informal and non-formal).

**TARGET AUDIENCE/BENEFICIARIES**

The digital forum is organized to further empower and re-train the first set of participants from the First National Youth Conference on Education for Sustainable Development that was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at Bayero University Kano, as well as other selected stakeholders.

The first ESD Conference hosted students from five tertiary institutions (Bayero University Kano; Federal University Dutse; Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano; Kano University of Science and Technology; and the Federal College of Education, Daura) as well as representatives of the six regional centers of expertise. The Conference brought together youth representatives of those institutions and engaged them in information sharing on Sustainable Development, participatory discourse through panel discussions, tree planting activity, distribution of dustbins to promote university sanitation, and appointed them as **SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS** within their various institutions. The Conference aimed towards inspiring concern for environmental awareness, and ecological conservation and preservation. It as well hoped to promote student development and youth engagement in SD activism. The Conference emphasized the importance of the youth to take leadership and responsibility for promoting the SDGs, and afforded them an opportunity to create networks and collaborations that will enhance their relevance as leaders, and serve as change makers.

## **THE PARTNERS**

The first ESD Youth Conference had a number of partners, including the Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development Kano; the Trustees of Faculty of Law Class of 2005 Education Support Fund; National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education; the Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change (CREACC); ACLID Africa; and Kano Botanic Garden.

## **THE SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

The first ESD Conference gave birth to the ‘sustainability ambassadors program’, which is presently being developed and hosted by Bayero University Kano, under the Center for Gender Studies. An ESD Youth Hub has been established with the hope of continuously promoting these ambassadors through series of initiatives, and engagements that center on the SDGs; as well as diversifying its reach to involve more institutions across the country. This digital forum is hoped to be one of

the avenues of retraining and re-inspiring the ambassadors, in the face of the global pandemic and its far-reaching impact.

### **FORUM AIMS**

The aims of the DIGITAL YOUTH FORUM are:

- i. Increase awareness creation among youth on the importance of environment and its impact on the overall economy and development prospects of the nation post Covid-19.
- ii. To impart environment knowledge to youth participants to become positive change agents in their respective communities beyond Post Covid-19.
- iii. To encourage youth engagement through networking, collaboration and experience sharing, by facilitating a platform for discussions, sharing of ideas, skills and experiences among youth participants and selected stakeholders on environmental management.
- iv. To discuss post Covid-19 efforts from youth in other regions of the world.
- v. To discuss current and emerging issues on climate change and environment as they affect our communities.
- vi. Discuss on best practice on Environment and climate change projects through ESD.

### **THEME:**

The opportunity for a green recovery in the post COVID-19

### **FORMAT**

This is a full day virtual event via Zoom, it is organized by **Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development RCE Kano, Centre for Gender Studies Bayero University Kano and Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change.**

The event is designed to complement Education for Sustainable Development (ESD's) four thrusts especially by increasing public understanding and awareness on sustainability among our SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS. The Forum will be looking at how Covid-19 impacted various youth efforts aimed at mitigating

anthropogenic pressure and reverse the effect of climate change that directly affect livelihood of people living in the country.

The Forum consist of two panel discussions

### **Morning Session**

Panel One starts at 11:00am WAT 10:00am GMT to 2:00pm WAT

Panelists

1. **Professor Ros Wade**, Chair RCE London
2. **Professor Abba Haladu**, National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education
3. **Mr. Ali Bukar Ahmad** Chair, RCE Kano.
4. **Mr. Abubakar Saeed Koki**, Coordinator, Sustainability Ambassadors program

### **Afternoon Session**

Panel Two starts at 3:00pm WAT 2:00pm GMT to 4:30pm WAT.

1. **Professor Charles Hopkins** UNESCO Chair on ESD York University, Toronto, Canada
2. **Hadiza Hamma Ph.D**, Sustainability Law and Development Expert, University of Abuja
3. **Abdullahi Tijjani**, Director; Fitya, DFID Funded Project
4. **Safiya Ahmad**, Deputy Director, Centre for Gender Studies, BUK
5. **Mr. Usman Mareri**, COO, CREACC and Interim Coordinator, RCE Kano

Kindly check the agenda for more information on the activities

### **SPEAKERS**

1. **Professor Charles Hopkins** holds the UNESCO Chair at York University in Toronto, Canada. Hopkins is advisor to the United Nations University's Global Network of Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD and Co-Director of the Asia-Pacific Institute on Education for Sustainable Development in Beijing, China.
2. **Ros Wade is Professor** of Education for Sustainability (EFS) at London Southbank University, Chair of the London Regional

Centre in Expertise in EFS and a Distinguished Research Fellow of the Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems.

3. **Professor Sadiya Sani Daura** holds PhD in English at Bayero University, Kano, and M.A. in English, Bayero University, Kano. She is currently Provost of Yusufu Bala Usman College of Legal and General Studies, Daura, from 2015 to Date.
4. **Mr. Ali Bukar Ahmad** holds Master Degree Certificate in Applied Physics (Atmospheric Electricity Physics), he also has United Nations University Postgraduate Certificate International Courses (IC) Environmental Change: Managing Risks. He is currently the Chair, Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development RCE Kano.
5. **Mrs. Safiya Ahmad Nuhu** is a law lecturer from the Department of International Law and Jurisprudence, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. She is a PhD student at the University of the Witwatersrand South Africa, doing research on the regional framework for the protection and assistance of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Africa.
6. **Dr. Hadiza Hamma** LL.B., BL., LL.M., Ph.D (Abuja); ALM GDP (Harvard) Dr. Hamma is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Law, University of Abuja. She holds Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees in Law. She also earned a Master of Liberal Arts in Global Development Practice from Harvard University.
7. **Mr. Usman Muhammad** is a climate activist, women empowerment advocate, children's education champion and social entrepreneur. He earned his BSc in Economics from prestigious Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and MSc in Education for Sustainability at the London South Bank University under African Commonwealth Scholars Program. He is currently coordinating the activities of RCE Kano.
8. **Mr. Abubakar Saeed Koki** is presently the coordinator, Environmental Sustainability Ambassadors program. He is a private horticulturist, and is a passionate advocate of the protection and promotion of the environment. He is currently a 400L student at Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano, where he studies Economics.

## **VENUE**

The full day digital forum will be held online via Zoom. A link to join will be shared to the registered participants only.

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

<https://forms.gle/L4YnX8wxK36K3z8D7>

## **QUESTIONS**

All relevant questions and comments should be posted via:  
<https://admin.sli.do/event/rupgviyc/questions>

## **DATE AND TIME**

The conference is a full-day event; it will take place on Monday, October 5, 2020.

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