



Concept Note on RCE Youth Webinar 2023

Igniting Changes for a Sustainable World: Embracing Intersectionality in Sustainability and Local Community Actions

10 August, 22:00 – 24:00 (JST)

Organised by RCE Regional Youth Coordinators,
Co-hosted by the Global RCE Service Centre (UNU-IAS)

Registration: bit.ly/3DomnIE

I. Background

The Regional Centers of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCEs) is a global network of regional and local partnerships that bring together diverse stakeholders to promote sustainable development through education and learning, with each RCE being officially acknowledged by the United Nations University (UNU). Currently, there are over 180 RCEs around the world. The Global RCE Network promotes youth engagement and empowers youth leadership to enable them to take a centre stage in decision-making and local actions for sustainable development. This year marks the third year of the annual RCE Youth Webinar and for the first time it will be organised by the [RCE Regional Youth Coordinators](#) who are youth representatives from Asia-Pacific, Africa, Americas and Europe that play a vital role in facilitating youth-led and youth-focused initiatives at the regional and global levels.

This webinar, entitled '*Igniting Changes for a Sustainable World: Embracing Intersectionality in Sustainability and Local Community Actions*' celebrates and honours International Youth Day by highlighting the importance of youth participation in sustainable development at all levels, local, national, and global. The concept of intersectionality in sustainability seeks to foster a more holistic and inclusive approach to sustainable development, acknowledging that solutions must take into account the diverse and interconnected challenges faced by communities around the world. It encourages recognising and addressing the unique experiences and vulnerabilities of different social groups in the context of environmental issues. The webinar will highlight the pivotal role of youth, explore the concept of intersectionality, and emphasise the significance of local community actions in achieving a sustainable future.

II. Target Audience

The webinar aims to engage young people up to the age of 35, as well as educators, policymakers, and stakeholders interested in youth-driven environmental action.

III. Objectives

1. To showcase the impact of youth-led initiatives and their role in driving positive environmental change.
2. To raise awareness and understanding of intersectionality in sustainability, acknowledging the interconnectedness of social and environmental issues.
3. To highlight successful local community actions and inspire engagement at the local community level.
4. To foster a platform for meaningful dialogue and interaction between youth participants and distinguished speakers.

IV. Programme (tentative) (Japanese Standard Time)

MC: Ms Jorah Davigdor (Regional Youth Coordinator)

Time	Programme
22:00 22:10	Opening: Introduction to the webinar Opening Remarks - Prof. Shinobu Yamaguchi (Director, UNU-IAS) Congratulatory Remarks - Mr Keisuke Midori (Section Chief, Ministry's Secretariat, Office of Environmental Education, Ministry of the Environment of Japan)
22:10 22:25	Keynote Speech 1: Role of Youth in Climate Action Ms Mana Saza on her experiences as a youth representative at COP26 and her efforts to bridge the climate gap through sustainable education
22:25 22:40	Keynote Speech 2: Intersectionality in Sustainability Ms Angel Marie Ysik will emphasise the importance of considering social justice and diversity in sustainability actions
22:40 22:50	Q&A
22:50 23:40	Breakout Session: Showcasing Local Community Actions and Discussion Lightning presentations by the Regional Youth Coordinators followed by a breakout session with participants discussing challenges and solutions related to the webinar theme
23:40 0:00	Wrap-up and Closing: Sharing of key takeaways and steps moving forward

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