RCE AWARDS

Group 4: Youth Empowerment, Networking and Collaboration

9th Global RCE Conference

6th November 2014

Okayama, Japan
Youth and Education for Sustainable Camp 2014
Introduction

Youth and education for sustainable camp 2014 was a forum that provided youth with the opportunity to learn and share from one another the best practices towards accelerating the achievement of Education for Sustainable Development and beyond 2014.

The camp was run as an informal training for youth to share and explore opportunities to bring forth “home grown solutions” and get empowered to be responsive to issues of climate change, food security, sustainable water use, ecosystem management; conservation, mentoring and life skills, among others.
The Model

The forum used a Residential camp in a local community where youth from higher learning institutions, Tertiary, from the region and other counties interacted with a local high school and the local community.
Host
RCE Kakamega Western

Supported by:
- Kenya Youth Network for Sustainable Development (AYNSD);
- Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC);
- The National Authority for Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA)
- Local leaders and other facilitators donating time and expertise for the entire 6 days in residence
Sponsors

- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST)
- Kakamega County (Min. of Agriculture);
- Mandera County
- Grass Root Innovations – Uganda
- Parents

Paid a small fee to facilitate for the accommodation and food for the participants.

BUMA Farm provided the resource and sponsored youth from the local high school and the local community.
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Social impact:

- Increased awareness on ESD
- Enhanced student and institutional collaboration
- Increased knowledge and skills in the youth
Environment impacts:

- Kakamega Forest excursion

appreciating the Role of nature as a Resource
Environment impacts:

- Experienced with the community (Greening of school) planting trees
Environment impacts:

- Appreciating `some` cultural heritage and need for conservation (IK)
- Engagement of the youth in climate change issues
- Maximum utilisation of the rain water - roof water catchment in the county and beyond

“Sukuti” (Local dance)
Economic Impact

✓ Enhancement of sustainable production and consumption in the region
✓ Share resources

Working on an opportunity for the local community to supply MMUST with their produce

A Long term wish:
To Create an Agricultural value chain for nutritious food and nutrition opportunities for the communities as per vision 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s)

**Working out the modalities to implement the wish**
Economic Impact
Scaling up activities

- Make the youth camp an annual event
- Cross border duplication, work with RCE Eastern Uganda
- Share experience with other RCE’s in the continent
- Establish more partnership
- Increased funding
Partnership

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST)
Host to RCE Kakamega Western, DVC planning research and Innovation, Promotes research and innovation leading to new products and community outreach
MMUST Is looking to collaborate with other institutions working with community outreach empowerment programs ●Technology transfer●
Teacher and student exchanges

Kakamega County Government
Devolve functions from National to the County level.
Partnership

**UNEP Environmental Education and Training Unit (EETU)**

EETU supports and strengthens implementation of UNEP’s seven cross-cutting thematic priorities by harnessing the potential of universities as vehicles of change and transformation within communities.

It aims to promote the integration of environment and sustainability concerns into teaching, research, community engagement, the management of universities, greening of university infrastructure and operations, as well as to enhance student engagement and participation in sustainability activities both within and beyond universities. This is done in accordance to the on-going UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-14, and the outcome document of the Rio+20 Summit - The Future We Want.

**BUMA fish and integrated Farm – a stake holder in RCE**

BUMA is a small scale model farm with a community based outlook, Exploring home grown solutions to alleviate disparities in food supply and empower the community with progressive knowledge.
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