



Concept Note

13th Asia-Pacific RCE Regional Meeting – Part 2

“SDGs and ESD for 2030 Framework: Local actions during COVID-19 Pandemic”

Online

5th October 2021

The situation with the COVID-19 pandemic has been deteriorating around the world, with number of infected people and deadly cases increasing day by day in many areas. In fact, this global health crisis is not nearly over despite vaccination campaigns. Asia-Pacific RCEs with formal and informal educational systems and relevant local stakeholders continue to empower people with knowledge, skills and values in the effective implementation of SDGs and the ESD for 2030 framework also amid disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Due to travel restrictions and harsh quarantine protocols in 2021 conventional face-to-face meetings are not yet feasible. Therefore, the 13th Asia-Pacific RCE Meeting (Part 2) originally planned to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan will be organized virtually. During the online conference, participants will be able to share experiences and learn from each other for advancing actions to realise more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable societies.

Objectives

- Deepen understanding of the ESD for 2030 framework and its linkage with local actions and learn about the trend of the RCEs’ response to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Share and learn from cases conducted by RCEs in the AP region on real transformation of education from pre and post COVID-19.
- Discuss and clarify next steps to move forward for further implementation of ESD and SDGs.

Programme

11:00-14:30 (Kyrgyzstan Time) (=14:00-17:30) (JST))

MC: Dr. Chinara Sadykova

Time	Session	Content
11:00-11:15	Opening Session	<p>A brief report on the 13th AP Regional Meeting – Part 1 <i>Dr. Chinara Sadykova (RCE Kyrgyzstan)</i></p> <p>Opening Remarks <i>Prof. Abdrakhmanov Tolobek (AKSU Rector)</i></p> <p>Remarks <i>Dr. Jonghwi Park (UNU-IAS, Innovation and Education, Programme Head)</i></p> <p>Congratulatory Remarks <i>Mr. Takeo Sugii (Director, Office of Environmental Education, General Policy Division, Ministry's Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment, Japan)</i></p>

11:15-12:05	Session #1 ESD for 2030 (General)	<p>Roadmap of ESD for 2030 Framework <i>Dr Faryal Khan, Programme Specialist for Education UNESCO Bangkok</i></p> <p>Integrating SDGs and ESD for 2030 framework into national planning process to accelerate local level actions <i>Prof. Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir (RCE Sundarbans)</i></p> <p>RCE updates from Global RCE Service Centre <i>Dr. Fumiko Noguchi (UNU-IAS, Research Fellow)</i></p> <p>Q & A</p>
12:05-12:10	Break	
12:10-14:05	Session #2 (RCE Specific)	<p>Share good ESD practices, successful activities, teaching methods/methodologies in times of COVID-19</p> <p><i>Moderator: Prof. Mario Tabucanon (UNU-IAS, Adjunct Professor)</i></p> <p>#1 Local actions on advancing policy <i>Dr. Abdhesh Kumar Gangwar (RCE Srinagar)</i></p> <p>#2 Local actions on transforming learning environments <i>Dr. Ferdous Ahmed (RCE Greater Dhaka)</i> <i>Dr. Bae Hyunsoon (RCE Dobongu-gu) [#1,2,4]</i> <i>Mr. Joseph Martin Pudun (RCE Kuching)</i></p> <p>#3 Local actions on building capacities of educators <i>Ms. Ravleen Singh (RCE Chandigarh) [#2,3,4]</i> <i>Dr. Jeeranuch Sakkhamduang (RCE Greater Phnom Penh)</i></p> <p>#4 Local actions on empowering and mobilizing youth <i>Mr. Hao Xin (RCE Hangzhou)</i></p> <p>Break</p> <p>Panel discussion <i>Discussant: Dr Faryal Khan, Programme Specialist for Education UNESCO Bangkok</i></p>
14:05-14:25	Session # 3 Next steps	<p>Presentations on RCE joint projects</p> <p>‘RCE SDG Youth Challenge: Youth for the Goals’ <i>Ms. Brittany Hardimann (RCE Greater Western Sydney)</i></p> <p>‘Project Neuru’ <i>Dr. Bae Hyunsoon (RCE Dobong-gu)</i></p> <p>‘Rivers, Water and Livelihood’ <i>Prof. Dr Yeong Siew Wei (RCE Kuching)</i></p>
14:25-14:30	Closing session	<p>Closing Remarks <i>Representative of RCE Kyrgyzstan</i></p>
14:30-15:00	Free discussion (Voluntary)	<p>Free discussion on ongoing and potential future joint projects <i>Moderator: Dr. Kiran Banga Chhokar</i></p>

Key questions for Session #2

- Lesson learned:
 - What are the main lessons the RCEs learned during the COVID-19?
 - What is the key to realize a fundamental transformation of education from pre and post COVID-19 towards achieving the SDGs?
- Approach:
 - What has been an effective approach(es) to address issues caused or exacerbated by the pandemic in each strategic priority action area of ESD for 2030?
- Knowledge sharing and outreach among RCEs:
 - How have regional and global network contributed to RCE activities at local level during the pandemic?

Expected participants

AP RCEs community members and interested stakeholders, UNU-IAS, MOEJ, UNESCO Bangkok, AKSU.