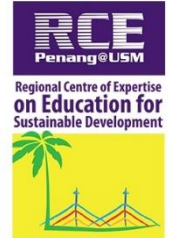




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## The 1<sup>st</sup> Europe – Africa – Asia RCE Youth Virtual Conference

Theme: South- North Migration Adversity and the ESD's Role

### PROLOGUE

Thousands of people from Africa and Asia, mostly youth try to cross into Europe day in day out and year in year out as illegal migrants. Youth in Africa and Asia are both faced with damning scourges of the desert, the turbulence of the sea and all the dangers in between.

The majority of African and Asian migrants living overseas are in Europe, according to the International Organization for Migration. But the Migration Policy Institute believes there are between seven and eight million irregular African immigrants living in the EU - the actual number changing depending on regularisation schemes in the member states.

About two-thirds of Africans in Europe are from North Africa (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). An increasing number are travelling from Sub-Saharan Africa, mainly heading for the former colonial powers of France, Germany, Italy and the UK. (BBC News) thus, most Sub-Saharan migrants are from West Africa - Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal, in particular. The main reasons for this migration to Europe are better life, well paid jobs and other economic attraction.

The virtual conference will also discuss how Education for Sustainable Development ESD will assist in mitigating the problems. The Conference is to be held on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**.

The Youth Conference will also **provide an opportunity for young people to participate in solving problems that concern them and to exchange ideas and experiences on ESD's, and discuss ways to further promote ESD at the national and global levels.**

## ORGANIZERS

Global RCE Youth Network and RCE Kano in collaboration with RCE London, RCE Penang with Centre for Global Sustainability Studies (CGSS), Universiti Sains Malaysia will bring together European, African and Asia Pacific RCEs to **discuss ways of addressing the challenge of youth unemployment, climate change, TVET, entrepreneurship and political situations that trigger mass migration to Europe** through virtual conference in order to expose, the negative impacts of the mass migration to the nations affected in Africa, Europe and Asia, the opportunities yet untapped in Africa and Asia, and the problems associated to entering Europe illegally.

For reassuring its commitment, RCE Kano in collaboration with RCE London and RCE Penang partnership with CGSS is going to organize the 1st Europe – Africa - Asia RCE Youth Virtual Conference with unique theme **“South-North Migration Adversity and the ESD's Role”**.

The virtual conference will provide a platform for **youth in Africa and Asia to present their thoughts and expertise on how entrepreneurship will help generate employment to address migration of youth to Europe.**

## MODALITIES

Youth from Africa and other RCE members across Europe and Asia will participate in the conference virtually through **teleconference technology using WEBEX platform and Padlet**, participants can connect via mobile devices and laptops. Participants can also follow the discussions online using hashtags **#RCEYouthMigration** or **#GlobalRCEYouth**

Participants can register online using this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/yFLBOcroxiXp0uaB3> we will send links on how to participate 48 hours to the conference. Should you have further questions and clarifications, kindly contact any one of us using emails below.

## PRESENTERS



**Professor Ros Wade,**  
Law and Social Sciences / Social Sciences, London South Bank University

Professor Ros Wade has an international reputation in the new, interdisciplinary area of education for sustainability (EFS). Ros has been an educator all her working life, and has built up wide expertise across the formal, non-formal and informal sectors. As Director since 1998 of the Masters programme in Education for Sustainability at the London South Bank University, she has led a team of experts in developing this emerging area which brings together the natural and social sciences. In 2009 she was invited by the Secretary of State for International Development to become a UK Commonwealth Scholarship Commissioner and among her many duties, she took on the role of Gender champion. Prof Ros Wade will present a paper on **the problems and impacts of climate refugees as well as illegal migration to both Europe and Africa.**



**Professor Dr Suriati Ghazali**  
School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia

Professor Suriati's research interests include HUMAN GEOGRAPHY, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL GEOGRAPHIES, Rural-urban linkages, Livelihood strategies, poverty and gender/women issues,

Qualitative methods. Her research include Youth, Social Media and Crime. Examining 'Colocalization': Succession, Segregation and Contestation of Foreign Workers And Local Residents Within The Urban And Peri-Urban Areas Of Penang, Malaysia. Organizing committee, Research and Planning Group's 4rd International Workshop. Co-Chair and Organizing Committee, Int Conf on Development and Socio-spatial Inequalities. Prof. Suriati will present on **migration of Asian youth to the North/European countries (as a case study)**



**Professor Sadiya Sani Daura,**  
Humanities/Social Sciences. Bayero University, Kano-Nigeria

Professor Daura is the Deputy Coordinator of RCE Kano-Nigeria. She has special interests in entrepreneurship, gender, the youth and sustainability. Apart from her primary engagement as an educator since 1982, her other activities include coordinating the Women and Laws Project (1994-96), Coordinating the BAOBAB Project (a women's human rights NGO-1996-2004) and heading the research on entrepreneurship across nine states in northern Nigeria. She is currently with the Katsina State Government, playing a key role in the education, agriculture and health sustainability focal points of the government's restoration agenda. Professor Daura is the Provost of a tertiary institution and is also working with many youth associations towards value re-orientation for capacity building, self-reliance and sustainability. Prof. Sadiya Daura will present a paper on **challenges and opportunities of unemployment in Africa and the way forward.**



**Associate Professor Dr Hafidzi Mohd Noor, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Humanitarian Care Malaysia (MyCARE)**

Assoc. Prof. Dr Hafidzi has wide experience in NGO and real fieldwork in migration issues in Asian countries especially in war affected zones. He is a lecturer at the Faculty of Agriculture in Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). He is an avid reader of history who has written many books and articles, appeared in various media interviews (television, radios and newspapers) and delivered numerous lectures on the refugees. He is also recipient of the National Maulidur Rasul Award 1436H/2014 in honor of his excellent services in humanitarian cause.

He is currently the Chairman of Humanitarian Care Malaysia (MyCARE), an NGO that solicit financial assistance for refugees and those affected by conflict and natural disasters. MyCARE has distributed aid in the form of food, medicine, educational needs and basic humanitarian assistance to areas afflicted by major humanitarian crises i.e. Palestine, Syria, Rohingya and other places such as Yemen, Iraq, Somaliland, Nepal and Southern Philippines.

Professor Hafidzi will present on **migration issues in Asian countries especially in war affected zones.**

### **CONFERENCE AIMS**

The aims of the conference are:

- i. To use ESD as an instrument of change to sensitize participants on the hazard, vulnerability and risks associated with lack of managing unemployment, illegal migration and the opportunities yet untapped.
- ii. To create synergy in dealing with common sustainability problems between Africa and Europe
- iii. To identify immediate and remote causes of unemployment in Africa, rural urban and south -north migration, climate related refugees and suggest solutions using ESD.
- iv. Awareness creation on the importance of ESD and its impact on the overall economy and development prospects of the youth and the nation.

- v. To impart ESD knowledge to participants to become positive change agents in their respective communities and beyond
- vi. To discuss ways of further employing SD and ESD in the implementation of global agendas and national/ regional development plans.
- vii. To help develop capacities of youth and skills to scale up self-employment, entrepreneurship and community engagement.
- viii. To create a platform for discussions, sharing of ideas, skills and experiences among youth participants and selected stakeholders.
- ix. To discuss current and emerging issues on SDGs, ESD, SD, climate change and environment as they affect the youth, the community, Africa and Europe
- x. Develop a youth roadmap for implementing SD, SDGs, GAP and integrating youth into the national SDG's implementation plan, policy and programs.

## DATE AND TIME

The conference will take place virtually via RCE Penang's Dashboard

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The start time is 9:00 GMT

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