1st Global RCE Youth Network for Africa Continental Meeting
7th December, 2014, 18:06hrs to 19:13hrs GMT

Chairman: Usman Muhammad RCE Kano
Secretary: Ibrahim Akibu Ja’afaru, RCE Minna

In Attendance:
Guest:
Mr. Ali Bukar, Coordinator RCE Kano/Deputy Coordinator RCE Africa Forum

Youth Participants:
Usman Muhammad RCE Kano, Nigeria
Ibrahim Akibu Ja’afaru RCE Minna, Nigeria
Gentrix Barassa RCE Greater Nairobi, Kenya
Hamisi T. Mkuzi RCE Pwani, Kenya

Absentees:
Kholiwe Cassie RCE Swaziland, Swaziland
Buumba Miyoba RCE Lusaka, Zambia

1. Opening Remark
The chairman introduced, Mr. Ali Bukar Coordinator of RCE Kano and Deputy Coordinator RCE Africa Forum for his opening remarks. In his remarks, he commended the efforts put together by the youth for their decision to have a network of RCE Youth in Africa. He also advised the youth to involve both primary and secondary school students in the movement. Furthermore, Mr. Ali stated that RCE Africa forum is concern about the youth that discussion is at high level on how to increase the youth visibility in the activities of the RCEs and informed the network that there may be an Africa Youth Convention AYC coming up next year which is to take place in Nigeria. He further assured us their supports in order to take the RCE Youth Network for Africa forward. Finally; he convened the apology of the coordinator RCE Africa Forum Mr. David Ongare for not been present at the meeting and he wished the network success.

2. Introduction
All the youth participants present at the meeting introduced themselves, their respective RCEs and their countries of origin.
3. 9th Global RCE Conference and HESD Conference in Japan

Hamisi T. Mkuzi gave a recap of 9th RCE Conference that took place from 3rd to 7th November, 2014 in Japan. He said it brought delegates from all over the world and discussions where held on how to improve as RCEs from Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) to implementing Global Action Program (GAP) on ESD. Usman Muhammad the chairman of the meeting further gave more insight on International Conference on Higher Education for Sustainable Development HESD where he served as a rapportuer, he stated that there were discussions on the role of higher education for sustainable development and Nagoya declaration on HESD was also adopted, the conference took place at Nagoya University and five priority areas of GAP were both analyzed and discussed.

4. Matters Arising

There was a unanimous agreement that the following shall serve as the executives for the network under the following portfolios:

- Usman Muhammad  
  RCE Kano  
  Coordinator
- Hamisi T. Mkuzi  
  RCE Pwani  
  Deputy Coordinator
- Ibrahim Akibu Ja’afaru  
  RCE Minna  
  Secretary
- Gentrix Barassa  
  RCE Greater Nairobi  
  Publicity Secretary

Gentrix Barassa suggested that more youth need to be involved in the network so as to have wider participation and representation. Also, Hamisi T. Mkuzi and Ibrahim Akibu Ja’afaru suggested that an action plan should be drafted so as to have a working document; Hamisi also suggested that the responsibility of all the office holders stated above should be clearly stated. And finally, members at the meeting agreed that the time and date of meetings must be revisited for convenience.

5. Co-opting Youth Organizations in Africa

The chairman stated that the network shall operate as an umbrella of youth organizations involve in sustainable development in Africa with special interest on children and young people. Ibrahim Akibu Ja’afaru suggested that members of the network should start compiling a directory for youth organizations within their region and country at large that due processes and guidelines within the frame of the UNU and the RCEs in establishing partnership under the RCEs would be followed and
the respective RCEs and their coordinators would be fully involved. It was agreed that members should brainstorm and come up with suggestions on this subject matter and present it at the next meeting.

**Action 1: All members at the meeting.**

6. **Any Other Matter (AOM)**

Hamisi suggested that the network should have a website which needs to be linked with the Global RCE network website. In doing this he said the network can liaise with Global RCE Network and members of various RCEs in sourcing for funds to create the website. The chairman further suggested building capacity and involving children in both primary and secondary schools, and argued that the proposed Africa Youth Convention will serve as an interface between academia and millions of children that are outside the classroom in Africa, he further suggested expanding the network so as to co-opt millions of children and young people in Africa. Gentrix Barassa also suggested the need for social media for the network. It was agreed that it will be put into consideration at the next meeting in January, since it was just an introductory meeting.

7. **Closing Remark:**

Hamisi T. Mkuzi thanks everyone for been present at the meeting and hope for greater and resourceful ideas for the network Ibrahim Aqibu Jafaru adjourned the meeting Gentrix Barassa seconded.