

# **1<sup>st</sup> Global RCE Youth Network for Africa Continental Meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> 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 Jaafaru	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. 9<sup>th</sup> Global RCE Conference and HESD Conference in Japan**

Hamisi T. Mkuzi gave a recap of 9<sup>th</sup> RCE Conference that took place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Japan. He said it brought delegates from all over the world and discussions were 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 rapporteur, 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. Gentrax 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 Gentrax Barassa seconded.