RCE Cuenca del Plata – Activities 2016/2017

- RCE Cuenca del Plata has become a Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) signatory organization, an initiative of the UN Global Compact.

- Participation in a LAC regional meeting in Foz do Iguazú, Brazil, in May, to network with universities from Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina and discuss potential synergies.

- RCE Cuenca del Plata are close to signing (within the next three weeks) a MOU with the Global Compact Network Argentina to combine the efforts and capacities of ESD and CSR. The aim is to develop national strategies based on agreed goals and predictable funding from private companies. They are also currently defining the scope of several cooperation agreements with Ministries and Secretaries at the national level and some municipalities to advancing the implementation of the SDGs.

- Website will be launched before end of the year.

- RCE Cuenca del Plata is adding new organizations to its structure. By December 2017 two universities and two NGOs will become members.

- Series of training courses on SDGs (one general introduction and others on specific SDGs) has been developed and delivery began with a SDG 17 course in May in Buenos Aires.

- SDG Observatory towards measuring the progress made by governments, companies and other civil society organizations is currently being developed. The RCE have assigned a highly qualified team to design the architecture that would allow developing indicators for each target.

- SDGs go to School: This programme was designed to address the potential transformation through ESD in communities by developing a series of workshops on SDGs (mainly SDG 12, 13, 15, and 17) for students, teachers, school directors, education officials and community members. It is based on an intensive one-week work plan that includes not only workshops but also sustainability assessments for each school building. Also, the programme includes fostering the emergence of project ideas from all participants. Moreover, the programme promotes the monitoring and implementation of GAP on each level, making the most towards generating the best ESD learning/teaching experience.

- Bird Mascot Project in different towns.

- 2017-2030 Forestry Programme: The core structure includes 15 to 30 tree production sites in different locations in the region. Each will produce 500K-1MM trees, as from 2020. Tree planting phase at a grand scale will start 2023.