

RCE E-Bulletin

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Message from the Global RCE Service Centre:

Dear colleagues and friends,

On the occasion of the 7th Global RCE Conference held in Tongyeong, Republic of Korea from 21-24 September 2012, the global community of Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCEs) came together to express their ongoing commitment to promoting education for sustainable development (ESD) through the adoption of the RCE Declaration on ESD. (*Read the full text of the Declaration by clicking [here](#).*)

In addition to adopting the RCE Declaration on ESD, the RCE community also laid out draft text for Positioning RCEs. We are asking for your final input on the draft text before finalization. Please email any edits or comments on the draft text to rceservicecentre@ias.unu.edu by November 30, 2012. The draft text can be downloaded [by clicking here](#).

For those of you who were able to attend the conference in person, please take the time to fill out a short post-conference evaluation survey, if you haven't already. The deadline for completion has been extended to 30 November. You can access the survey here: <http://servnet.ias.unu.edu/limesurvey/index.php?sid=38734&lang=en>

With much appreciation,

The Global RCE Service Centre

Upcoming Events:

World Student Summit for Sustainability 2012

The 2012 World Student Summit for Sustainability (S3 2012) is organized by the World Student Community for Sustainable Development (WSCSD) in partnership with the University of Nairobi's Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)'s EETU and the Office of the Prime Minister through the Greening Kenya Initiative. It will take place from **12th to 17th November, 2012** at the **Multimedia University College**, Nairobi, Kenya. The summit will focus on developing a common understanding of a green economy and how university students' energy, actions and innovation can be harnessed for enhanced impact on sustainable development. The summit topics will focus on *energy, waste, water, food and transport*. Apart from keynote speeches, poster presentations and group discussions, practical greening campus activities will also be incorporated into the summit. The accommodation and participation fee for interested RCE participants will be generously covered by organizers and Kenya Airways will offer a 10% rebate for delegates who choose to fly their airline to the event. For more information contact Nickson Otieno (nickson.otieno@wscsd.org)

Global Citizen's Conference on DESD 2012

As the world approaches the final year of the UN Decade of ESD, the time has come to share with the world the way to full-scale all-Japan cooperation on ESD. While exchanging the latest developments and the growing trend of ESD in the world, the Global Citizen's Conference on DESD 2012 will actively promote the "exchange" and the "interactive place" for a variety of ESD stakeholders. The workshop takes place from 27-28 November 2012 in Tokyo, Japan. For more information contact rceservicecentre@ias.unu.edu

Youth Unite for Voluntary Action 2013

YUVA 2013 will be held in Delhi, India from 28-29 January 2013 in conjunction with the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (<http://dsds.teriin.org/2013/>). An RCE Youth Session will also be organized following the YUVA meet on 30 January 2013. The registration deadline is 3 December 2012. For more details, please can contact RCE Delhi (Supriya Gulati: Supriya.Gulati@teri.res.in and Ragini Kumar: ragini.kumar@teri.res.in).

RCE Gippsland Seeking Keynote Speakers for Sustainability Festival

RCE Gippsland is collaborating with a range of organisations from the Orbost community in rural South Eastern Australia to develop a number of sustainability related events. The focus of the events, a Sustainability Festival, requires a keynote speaker to both educate the local community and attract attendees from a wide variety of backgrounds, including agriculture, education and conservation. The festival will have a focus on both local food and energy production. The festival will be held on Monday, March 11 (public holiday in Victoria). RCE Gippsland welcomes suggestions for potential keynote speakers that will be in Australia and available around this time. There are funds available to cover speaker costs. For further information contact Scott Ferraro eo@gccn.org.au or Monica Green monica.green@monash.edu

6th GUNi International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education

The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi) is organizing the 6th International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education, “**Let’s Build Transformative Knowledge to Drive Social Change**” from May 13 to 15, 2013. The Conference will provide visibility and will critically examine one of the most significant trends: the growth of the theory and practice of engagement as a key feature in the evolution of higher education. For more information, please visit the [GUNi Conference website](#). To download the flyer and press release, [click here](#).

Latest News:

7th Global RCE Conference Minutes Posted

The 7th Global RCE Conference was held in Tongyeong, the Republic of Korea, from 21 to 24 September 2012. The Conference looked to the end of the Decade on Education for Sustainable Development in 2014 and beyond, providing a vision for the future and generating the momentum needed to make that vision a reality. Available powerpoints and presentations are posted below. You can download the full minutes by clicking [here](#).

CBD COP11 Side Event: RCEs and BIODIVERSITY - Local Solutions Linking Education and Implementation

A meeting of selected RCEs from across the Asia Pacific region was organized by the UNU-IAS as a side event during the COP - XI held at Hyderabad in October 2012. The meeting shared experiences and best practices derived from a range of case studies that highlighted the work of the different RCEs within their areas of operation. Read the report from the side event by clicking [here](#).

RCE Yogyakarta Supports Implementation of Sustainable Development on Agro-forestry-based Food and Medicine Industries

BRCE Yogyakarta conducted a workshop on Managing Indonesia Agro-Forestry towards Sustainable Consumption and Production. The workshop was held in conjunction with the 1st Indonesia Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development Meeting. The main objectives of this workshop were 1) to inform and share current practices, policies and problems of development of agro-forestry-based Community Empowerment Centers 2) to improve design on research and development on commercial food and herbal medicines 3) to develop collaborative research and action programs based on community empowerment. Read more about the workshop [here](#)

Capacity Development and Training Workshop for African RCE Coordinators

A capacity development and training workshop for RCE coordinators was held at Rhodes University, South Africa from 7-9 September 2012. Coordinators from a total of 13 RCEs and 4 potential ones participated in the event, which UNU-IAS facilitated in collaboration with the Southern African Development Community Regional Environmental Education Programme (SADC-REEP) and RCE Makana. The workshop is part of a broader capacity development programme aimed at strengthening capabilities of RCEs to deliver ESD. Read more about the workshop [here](#).

The 5th ASEAN+3 Leadership Programme on Sustainable Production and Consumption

The ASEAN+3 Leadership Programme on SPC, which was hosted locally by the Government of the Philippines through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in collaboration with the ASEAN Centre for

Biodiversity, is an innovative collaboration between three UN agencies – UNU-IAS, UNIDO and UNEP, and the ASEAN Secretariat. The innovative aspect of the programme is three-fold – joint preparation of learning materials, longer-term planning (commitment to follow up the projects proposed in the course of the programme), and sharing of resource persons. Read more about the event [here](#).

RCE Tongyeong Green Map Exhibition

RCE Tongyeong has a plan to send the Green Map to 10 RCE cities for a traveling exhibition, to be held from November 2012 to June 2013. RCE Tongyeong is asking RCEs to join the project. To do so, please fill out the attached application form and send to rceorg@gmail.com.

Youth Eco Summit (YES)

The Youth Eco Summit (YES) was held at Sydney Olympic Park on October 17-18. The event was a great success and served to highlight the wonderful opportunities that exist through collaborative partnerships and the valuable role of the Greater Western Sydney RCE. YES was a showcase of excellence in *Education for Sustainability* with students and teachers from across New South Wales engaging with a range of industry professionals in practical, hands-on workshops and displays. The event achieved the following outcomes:

- 6000 students and teachers from 180 schools directly engaged in the event
- 65 professional providers from government, non-government, academia and industry
- 2500 students on-site participating in or delivering workshops
- 3500 students via live video conference from rural and remote areas
- Live student performances (cultural dance, music and art)

New Publications:

International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education

TIJSHE is the world's leading journal on sustainability in higher education. Since Vol. 11 No. 1 (2010), IJSHE - which is a Thomson Reuters / ISI journal - is indexed and abstracted in: Social Sciences Citation Index; Journal Citation Reports/ Social Sciences Edition; and Current Contents / Social and Behavioral Sciences. In order to allow an analysis of IJSHE's comprehensive database of papers, the publishers have arranged for an open temporary access, until 30th November 2013. Please log on at: <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/journals.htm?issn=1467-6370>

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<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id=ijshe>

Sustainable Development at Universities: New Horizons

This book, prepared in the context of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), also known as Rio+20, contains the papers submitted to the World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities (WSSD-U-2012), which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 5 and 6 June 2012. It pursues the following main aims: to document and disseminate experiences from universities all round the world regarding education for sustainable development; to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of projects; and to introduce methodological approaches and projects which aim to integrate the topic of sustainable development in the curriculum of universities. Details on the book can be found on [this website](#).

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