

## RCE Youth Webinar

- *Youth Voices on Climate Change, Action for sustainability* –  
in commemoration of International Youth Day 2021

### 1. Outline

Date & Time	Wednesday, 11 August 14:00-16:00 (JST)
Venue	Zoom
Organiser	Global RCE Service Centre
Supporter	Global Environment Outreach Centre (GEOC)

### 2. Background

- **International Youth Day** is celebrated annually on 12 August to bring youth issues to the international community's attention and celebrate the potential of youth as partners in today's global society. The Day gives an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples' voices, actions and initiatives, and meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.<sup>1</sup>
- [ESD for 2030](#) focuses on the five priority action areas, namely (i) advancing policy, (ii) transforming learning environments, (iii) building capacities of educators, (iv) **empowering and mobilising youth, and (v) accelerating local level actions**. This webinar will highlight (iv) & (v).
- Facilitating youth engagement is one of the priorities in the global RCE network. The [Roadmap for the RCE Community 2021-2030](#) specifies a suggested action as follows: "*Provide opportunities, mobilise and strengthen the engagement of youths on ESD in regional/local communities as one of the key actors in addressing sustainability challenges*".

### 3. Objectives

- To celebrate **International Youth Day** and highlight actions by youth as change agents for transforming our world.
- Contribute to implementing **ESD for 2030**, particularly priority action areas (iv) empowering and mobilising youth, and (v) accelerating local level actions.
- Share concrete examples of youth-led activities and facilitate discussion to inspire more young people and other stakeholders for accelerating efforts to address climate emergency and achieve the SDGs.

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<sup>1</sup> **International Youth Day:** It was established by the UN General Assembly (A/RES/54/120), which on 17 December 1999 endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth calling for 12 August to be declared International Youth Day.

#### 4. Programme

Opening Session	Opening remarks Prof. Shinobu Yume Yamaguchi (Director, UNU-IAS) Congratulatory remarks Mr. Takeo Sugii (Director, Office of Environmental Education, General Policy Division, Ministry's Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment, Japan)
Keynote speech	Set the stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>'Youth Voices on Action for Sustainability'</b> Ms. Brittany Hardiman (RCE Greater Western Sydney, Australia)</li> </ul>
Case studies	Presentation on youth-led climate actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>'Let's Tackle Global Warming! Virtual Museum of Science Experience'</b> Ms. Akane Tanaka (RCE Okayama, Japan)</li> <li>• <b>'Youths and Climate Change Advocacy in Zambia'</b> Ms. Buumba Miyoba (RCE Lusaka, Zambia)</li> <li>• <b>'Carpentry Apprenticeship for Sustainability'</b> Ms. Laura Heiberg Pedersen (RCE Denmark, Denmark)</li> <li>• <b>'Youth as Leaders in the Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles'</b> Ms. Marcela Rodríguez (RCE Bogota, Colombia)</li> </ul>
Discussion and Wrap-up	
Closing Session	Announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of RCE Youth Campaign on Climate Actions</li> <li>• Global RCE Conference</li> </ul>

#### 5. Dialogue lounge

After closing the webinar, the Zoom platform will be open until 16:30 (JST) for free discussion (voluntary participation).