



Agenda

The 12th RCE Americas Regional Meeting

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LOCATION: The conference is being held on Georgia Tech's campus at the Bill Moore Student Success Center, 219 Uncle Heinie Way, Atlanta, GA, 30332. <https://ssc.gatech.edu/directions>

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS! Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Georgia Tech's Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems, Renewable Bioproducts Institute, Strategic Energy Institute, Center for Sustainable Communities Research and Education, Atlanta Global Studies Center, and The Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business with the Drawdown Georgia Business Compact, Kennesaw State University's Global Education Community Engagement and Outreach, and Goethe Zentrum.

Georgia Tech Land Acknowledgment from the Center for Sustainable Communities Research and Education

We acknowledge and give gratitude for the Muskogee land we stand on today. These lands are unceded territory from which the Muskogee were forced.

We acknowledge the enslaved people who were brought to this land against their will. We remember and honor the lives, work, culture, traditions, ingenuity, faith, and strength of these ancestors. We also honor their resistance.

Here in Atlanta, one of the birthplaces of the Civil Rights Movement, we give gratitude for the courage and sacrifice of the Movement's elders, children, laborers, students, and organizers - some of whose names we know well and some we'll never know, who worked behind the scenes to pave the way for us to be here today.

We also acknowledge the specific legacy that animates the land on which our institution, Georgia Tech, stands. In 1961, three African American seminary students tried to integrate the Pickrick restaurant - now part of Georgia Tech's campus - in a test of the brand-new Civil Rights Act, just one day after it passed. They eventually prevailed.

As we begin this journey together, we acknowledge the deep and rich history that surrounds us and we celebrate the just, flourishing, and healed world that we are striving to build together.

With deep thanks to Nedra Deadwyler, Atlanta-based entrepreneur and activist, founder and principal of Civil Bikes.

*Time is indicated in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Tuesday, September 26		
Time*	Activity	Location
Morning and early afternoon	Arrival at Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson International Airport.	Meeting attendees should Uber/Lyft from the airport or take MARTA
4:30pm – 6:30pm	<p><u>Barbara Dombrowski Photography Exhibit – “Tropic Ice: Dialog between places affected by climate change” - at the Goethe Zentrum:</u> 4:30 – 5:00pm Arrival 5:00 – 5:15pm Talk by Barbara Dombrowski 5:15 – 6:00pm Film 6:00 – 6:30pm Networking</p>	<p>Goethe Zentrum (German Cultural Center), 233 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 100, Atlanta, 30303</p> <p>Light appetizers provided; cash bar</p>
6:30 pm	Pre-Meeting Optional Dinner, Networking	<p>Colony Square Politan Row Food Hall, 1197 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, 30361</p> <p>https://colonysquare.com/directory/businesses/dining/politan-row-food-hall/</p>

Wednesday, September 27		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am – 8:15 am	Travel from hotels to Georgia Tech's campus (walking distance – or GT bus system)	<p>Bill Moore Student Success Center, 219 Uncle Heinie Way, Atlanta, 30332</p> <p>https://ssc.gatech.edu/directions</p>
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Light Breakfast, Registration, Networking	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President's Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
8:45 am - 9:10 am	<p>Opening Session:</p> <p><u>Welcome from RCE Greater Atlanta:</u> Land Acknowledgment, Anna Tinoco- Santiago John R. Seydel, City of Atlanta</p> <p><u>Remarks from the Ministry of the Environment of Japan:</u> Keisuke Midori, Section Chief</p>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President's Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
9:10 am – 9:50 am	<p>RCE News:</p> <p><u>Remarks and Updates from Global RCE Service Centre:</u> Dr. Shengru Li, Research Fellow, Innovation and Education Programme, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)</p>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President's Suites C and D, Georgia Tech

	Remarks and updates from RCE Regional Advisor to the Americas region: Dr. Roger Petry	
9:50am – 10:10am	<u>Alejandra Enriquez, RCE Greater Phoenix:</u> <i>RCE Greater Phoenix ULRI Youth Engagement Fellowship</i> (CONCURRENT SESSION)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
9:50am – 10:10am	<u>Bruce Stiftel, RCE Greater Atlanta:</u> <i>Climate Change Instruction in City Planning Schools</i> (CONCURRENT SESSION)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suite B, Georgia Tech
10:10am – 10:30am	<u>Jill Forrester, RCE Saskatchewan:</u> <i>Improved Meeting Structure Reinvigorates RCE Saskatchewan</i> (CONCURRENT SESSION)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
10:10am – 10:30am	<u>Pamela Martin, RCE Georgetown:</u> <i>Powering the Future: Engaging Industry and Students in Solar Energy for the Community</i> (CONCURRENT SESSION)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suite B, Georgia Tech
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK	
10:45am – 11:30am	<u>Preparing Young People to Advance the SDGs:</u> - Amani Allen-Beale, RCE Greater Atlanta SDG Futures Fellow (alum), Georgia Gwinnett College - Stephanie Miles-Richardson, Associate Dean, Graduate Education in Public Health and Director, Master of Public Health Program, Morehouse School of Medicine - Moderator: Rick Stone, CEO, Storywork International	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
11:30am – 12:15pm	BREAK - Grab Lunch and return to presentations	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suite B, Georgia Tech
12:15pm – 12:35pm	<u>Amy Chen, RCE Greater Atlanta:</u> <i>Georgia Peers for Equity Against COVID-19 and for Health (Georgia PEACH): Engaging Young Adults in Action Research on Health Promotion, Countering Misinformation, and Social Media</i>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
12:35pm – 1:15pm	<u>University-Community Partnerships for the SDGs:</u> - Iesha Baldwin, RCE Greater Atlanta - Carol Lena Miller, James Madison University - Pegah Zamani, Kennesaw State University - Moderator: Cecelia Borgman, Georgia Institute of Technology	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
1:15pm – 1:30pm	BREAK	
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Travel to King Center MARTA Station 377 Decatur St SE & Grant St, Atlanta, GA 30312	Walk to North Avenue MARTA Station (or take Uber)

2:30pm – 4:30pm	<u>Historic Atlanta Walking Tour:</u> - Nedra Deadwyler, Civil Bikes	King District
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Return to Georgia Tech via MARTA Bill Moore Student Center 219 Uncle Heinie Way, Atlanta, 30332 https://ssc.gatech.edu/directions	Travel from King Center Marta Station back to North Avenue Station; walk back to campus (or take Uber)
5:30pm-6:30pm	Dinner Buffet	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites B, C, and D, Georgia Tech
6:30pm – 7:30pm	<u>Student-Led Workshop:</u> - Oriana Silva, RCE Americas Youth Representative - RCE Greater Atlanta Student team (Aditya Desai, Perrin Brady, Lakshya Sharma, Oona Varga)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites B, C, and D, Georgia Tech

Thursday, September 28		
Time	Activity	Location
7:45am – 8:00am	Travel from hotels to Georgia Tech’s campus (walking distance – or GT bus system)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, 219 Uncle Heinie Way, Atlanta, 30332 https://ssc.gatech.edu/directions
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Light Breakfast, Networking	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
8:30 am – 8:40 am	<u>Welcome Remarks:</u> Georgia Tech President Angèl Cabrera	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
8:40am – 8:50am	Remarks from Conference Sponsors: ORAU & GT Renewable Bioproducts Institute	ORAU (Davyda Hammond); RBI (Terri Sapp)
8:50am – 9:10am	<u>Empowering Instructors to Empower Students:</u> - Rebecca Watts Hull, RCE Greater Atlanta - Theresa Snow, RCE Greater Atlanta	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
9:10 am – 9:30 am	<u>Annie Lin, RCE Greater Atlanta:</u> <i>Long-term monitoring of E. coli in the Chattahoochee River Neighborhood Water Watch program and two case studies: sewage spill and headless goats:</i>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
9:30am – 9:50am	<u>Brittany Foutz, RCE Salisbury:</u> <i>Youth Initiatives at Assateague Island</i>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
9:50am – 10:10am	<u>Cielo Rios Camacho, RCE Puerto Rico:</u> <i>Sustainable development for solutions journalism: the case of SOSteniendo Puerto Rico (VIRTUAL)</i>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
10:10am – 10:30am	<u>Teresa Salinas, RCE Lima-Callao:</u> <i>Essay Contest Seven: Knowledge of the Education of the Future and Intercultural Knowledge Towards the Metamorphosis of Consciousness for Sustainability (VIRTUAL)</i>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech

10:30am – 10:40am	<i>BREAK</i>	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
10:40am – 11:00am	<u>Salvador Garcia, RCE Western Jalisco:</u> <i>Youth Participation in Applied Sustainability Projects</i> (VIRTUAL)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
11:00am – 11:20am	<u>Jennifer Cirillo, RCE Greater Burlington:</u> <i>Cultivating Pathways to Sustainability: Youth & Adults creating positive change in their communities</i> (VIRTUAL)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
11:20am – 11:40am	<u>Angela Vargas, RCE Bogota:</u> <i>Young Leaders of the Earth Charter at RCE Bogota</i> (VIRTUAL)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
11:40am – 12:00pm	<u>Gayle DeBruyn, Professor, KCAD, RCE Grand Rapids:</u> <i>Place Based Design: Connecting Youth to Action Through Projects and Partnerships</i> (VIRTUAL)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<u>Networking Lunch:</u> Sponsored by the Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business and Drawdown Georgia Business Compact	Bill Moore Student Success Center, President’s Suites C and D, Georgia Tech
1:30pm – 2:15pm	TRAVEL to Atlanta University Center	Charter Bus
2:15pm – 4:45pm	<u>Walking/Bus tour of Atlanta University Center:</u> (Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse School of Medicine) and surrounding neighborhoods Planning Team: Carrie Salone, Monique Terrell, Thailer Ragland, Michael Douglas	Atlanta University Center (AUC)
4:45pm – 5:30pm	Return to Georgia Tech’s Campus	
5:30pm	Free Time/Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1: Dinner with a large group at Mary Mac’s Tea Room (an Atlanta institution!) - Option 2: Extension of Community: what it means to be sustainable in a digital world Reception and Exhibit (Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design (RSVP Required)) - Option 3: See list of suggested restaurants near Georgia Tech’s Campus on linktree. 	

Friday, September 29		
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8:15am – 8:30am	Travel from hotels to Georgia Tech’s campus (walking distance – or GT bus system)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, 219 Uncle Heinie Way, Atlanta, 30332 https://ssc.gatech.edu/directions
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Light Breakfast, Networking	Bill Moore Student Success Center, Clary Theater, Georgia Tech
9:00am – 12:00pm	<u>Energy Equity: Advancing SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy Through Community- University Partnerships:</u> Jenny Hirsch, RCE Greater Atlanta (See Agenda on linktree)	Bill Moore Student Success Center, Clary Theater, Georgia Tech
12:00pm – 12:15pm	<u>Announcements & Closing Reflection:</u> Ruthie Yow, RCE Greater Atlanta	Bill Moore Student Success Center, Clary Theater, Georgia Tech
12:15pm- 1:15pm	Lunch MEETING CONCLUDES	Bill Moore Student Success Center, Hall of Success, Georgia Tech
1:30pm – 2:30pm	OPTIONAL CAMPUS TOUR: Post-meeting student-led tour of Georgia Tech Campus: “Equity and Sustainability” (see below for full description)	Harrison Square

Post-meeting Tour of the Georgia Tech Campus: “Equity and Sustainability”

Friday, September 29, 1:30-2:30, Harrison Square (just outside Bill Moore)

Join us for a student-led walking tour of Georgia Tech! Developed by students in the [Building for Equity and Sustainability](#) undergraduate research team (co-taught by Jennifer Hirsch), and currently in pilot stage, this tour covers five sites across campus, emphasizing equity within the context of sustainability. The students leading the tour are Lauren Carlin (3rd year, Computational Media) and Shasha Liu (2nd year, Computer Science). The team is eager for your feedback! The tour begins at 1:30 the foot of Tech Tower in Harrison Square, just outside our conference venue doors. We will walk there together after lunch. Part of the tour involves audio and a Google form, so **please make sure to bring your phone and a pair of headphones and have this link open and ready: <https://forms.gle/wX5JKU9GCKHiwQGx7>.**

If you are not able to make this tour, but want to explore equity and sustainability on our campus during some of your free time this week, you can take a self-guided tour on your own, as time allows, using this guide: <https://tinyurl.com/GaTechequitytour>.