Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Programme

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1. Overview of 7th Global RCE Conference

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7th Global RCE Conference

Tongyeong, Republic of Korea
21-24 September 2012
171 RCE participants and more than 500 local participants
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RCE Declaration on ESD

Positioning RCEs:

Strategic Actions
- RCEs and the Global Learning Space
- RCEs and Capacity Development
- RCEs and Research and Development

Thematic Actions
- RCEs and Climate Change
- RCEs and Health
- RCEs and Higher Education
- RCEs, Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity
- RCEs, Youth and School

Assessment
Improving quality through the RCE award scheme
Thematic Initiatives

**Climate Change:** Engagement at the implementation of national level through collaboration with governments and others

**Health and ESD:** Collaborative actions on good practice analysis, publications, videos, learning cases among the RCEs

**Teacher Education and Better Schools:** Exchange of students and staff

**Sustainable Consumption, Production and Livelihood and Well-being:** Research into transformative practices

**Youth:** Participation in the governance of the RCE community

**Higher Education:** Leadership development resources and programmes

**Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity:** Capacity development

**Disaster Risk Reduction:** Policy advocacy at the national level

**Inclusive Development and Learning:** Collaborative actions on good practice analysis, publications, videos, learning cases among the RCEs
Action Points: Africa

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- Collaborative research and projects in:
  - Leadership in ESD
  - Sustainable agriculture and food security
  - Social and cultural issues
  - Disease and health issues
  - Teacher education (Primary and secondary, e.g. TLSHE)

- Development of capacity development modules

- ESD Series Publication of African Case Studies

- Preparation for the 8th RCE Global Conference to be held Nairobi Kenya in 26-29 November 2013
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Action Points: Asia-Pacific

- Concrete collaborative projects under five key thematic areas:
  - Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
  - Youth
  - Community and Livelihood
  - Formal Education
  - Disaster Risk Reduction

- At the YUVA Meet 2013, RCEs helped develop a Framework of Action on Youth for RCEs, based on the Tongyeong Declaration and Positioning RCEs document
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Action Points: Europe

- Creation of an online communications portal specific to the European RCE Alliance

- Development of a positioning paper for the alliance of regional RCEs, based on the Tongyeong Declaration and Positioning RCEs and on attributes common to RCEs worldwide: inclusiveness, an understanding of the local context, and collaboration.
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Action Points: Americas

- Teacher Training: Share information around already existing teacher training networks and develop a faculty network.

- Traditional Knowledge & Environmental Education: Surveying RCEs, creating a subgroup on ESD and Indigenous Youth and building a bank of success stories in the area.

- RCE & Ministry of Education Partnerships: Collaborate on a new two-tiered effort to share general evidence that ESD improves the quality of education and generate case study evidence among RCEs.

- Living Learning Laboratories: Further development of learning laboratories.

- Private Sector Partnerships: RCE Bogota good practice with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.
2. Updates

The RCE Network

Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

RCEs around the world

There are 115 acknowledged RCEs as of January 2013

www.ias.unu.edu/efsd

For more information
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**World Conference on ESD**

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**Draft Plan of the UNESCO World Conference on ESD in 2014**

- **Okayama**
  - World Conference on CLC
  - ESD Week Opening Ceremony
  - Stakeholder Meetings
  - World Conference on UNESCO Associated Schools
  - Excursions

- **Aichi, Nagoya**
  - World Conference on ESD
  - ESD Week Closing Ceremony
  - Follow-up meeting

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3. What’s Ahead?

World Conference on ESD

RCEs focusing on:
• Assessment of the RCEs towards 2014
• Enhance capacity building and research activities on identified priority thematic areas
• Mapping networks of interest: identifying expert organizations in the region and opportunities for policy advocacy
• Develop an overall plan of action based on the Tongyeong Declaration to feed into wider post-DESD action plan
Thank you from the ESD team

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