

RCE Chubu organized a stakeholder meeting at Nagoya City

RCE Chubu held a stakeholder meeting at Nagoya City University on 8 February 2014. More than 80 people attended the meeting from various parts of the Chubu area and they presented their activities and shared lessons learned.

RCE Chubu implements ESD activities based on three main approaches. One of which is to promote ESD activities through the work of three main working groups that implement researches and workshops, and promote discussions on how to develop multi-stakeholder partnerships. Those working groups are comprised of: 1) Private Companies and NPOs; 2) School Education; and 3) Higher Education.

The other approach is to implement ESD workshops through establishing two theme-based working groups. They are: 1) International Cooperation and ESD; and 2) Traditional Culture and ESD. These working groups have been implementing various workshops around the Chubu area to create local networks on ESD.

The last approach is to implement ESD lessons at various educational settings including non-formal and formal education. These lessons are implemented in the area of a bioregion called Ise-Mikawa Bay Watershed that covers multiple prefectures of Japan. RCE Chubu has implemented 66 ESD lessons that picked up local ESD issues since 2011, and it aims to implement a total of 100 ESD lessons by 2014.

During the meeting, participants pointed out how they need to move forward together strategically based on the lessons learned gained by their activities. Sharing common aims and goals of activities implemented separately in various parts of the Chubu area by a wide range of stakeholders is not easy; however, they agreed that this needs to be discussed further.

RCE Chubu aims to contribute to the UNESCO World Conference on ESD, to be held in Nagoya in November 2014 through compiling recommendations based on their ESD activities implemented at local communities.

If you would like to find out more information, please visit their website: <http://chubu-esd.net/eng/index.html>