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**The Americas**

**1. Introduction**

One of the Continental Meetings that will take place at the 7th Global RCE Conference in Tongyeong in September is the meeting of the ‘Americas’. This group also met at the 6th Global RCE Conference in Kerkrade in 2011. This paper will reflect the action items and follow-ups from last year, as well as the online discussions held prior to the global conference.

We’ve been asked to come up with a consensus decision on the following two points:

1. What are the key issues/challenges facing RCEs currently in the aspect of the Americas; and
2. What are the top three things the group feels need to be discussed in person at the 7th Global RCE Conference?

**2. 6th Global RCE Conference Action Points & Status Updates**

ACTION: RCEs in the Americas would continue trying out having two sets of meetings running at the same time, one conducted in English and one in Spanish to which all RCEs in the Americas would be invited; these meetings are to occur every 2-3 months.

STATUS: Kick-off meeting held in August, prior to the 7th Global RCE Conference

ACTION: RCEs in the Americas agreed to enter their project data into online RCE portal and RCEs of the Americas agreed to use the new portal to communicate and share information.

STATUS: Not yet launched; planning for the possibility of June Discussions on fundraising and marketing have been developing among European RCEs. Short position paper is being prepared under leadership of RCE European Coordinator

**3. Issues & Challenges in regard to “Communications & Marketing”**

 TBD

**4. Priority items to be address at the 7th Global RCE Conference**

TBD