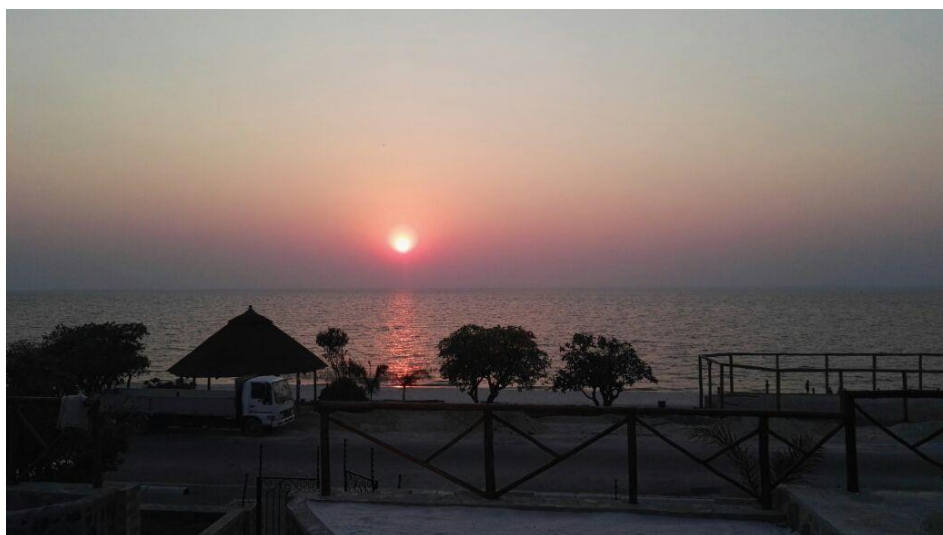


# 7<sup>th</sup> African Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Conference

Cresta Golfview Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia  
2- 4 August, 2017

**Theme: Exploring Capacity to Influence an  
Integrated and Coherent Approach to Sustainable  
Development in Africa**



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# CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

## Background

As countries of the world transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it has become imperative to take stock of the progress that African countries are making. This concern arises from the 2016 UNDP Report that an analysis of the performance of African countries on MDGs revealed uneven performance (and even performance reversal). The concerns raise questions about the sustainability of the progress achieved by African countries and strengthen the call for structural transformation and a sustainable approach to development. This underscores the importance of setting milestones that spell out initiatives and strategic actions for achieving sustainable development among African countries, such as innovation, resource mobilization and action to deliver the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The conference of Regional Centres of Expertise provides a forum through which experts from across the African continent can meet, align, coordinate, innovate, and report on various education for sustainable development initiatives they are working on to implement Agenda 2030. Experts from African RCEs have been meeting annually to deliberate and reflect on this fundamental role. Two years ago participants who met at the 5<sup>th</sup> African RCE Conference held in Entebbe, Uganda reflected on successes, challenges and opportunities of implementing ESD within post 2015 perspective. Last year, delegates to the 6<sup>th</sup> African RCE Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya focused on developing capacities of African RCEs for the implementation of the Global Action Programme on ESD and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. This, 7<sup>th</sup> African RCE Lusaka, Conference will focus on spelling out milestones that the African RCE networks need to follow to meet the sustainable development agenda through education. It explores ways of strengthening African RCEs as multi-stakeholder partnerships for scaling up innovation, resources and action to deliver the SDGs in local and regional contexts.

The Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) global network provides useful opportunities for implementing education for sustainable development (ESD) as a mechanism for achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). Education is at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and essential for the success of all SDGs. Recognizing the important role of education, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development highlights education as a stand-alone goal (SDG 4) and also includes targets on education under several other SDGs, notably those on health; growth and employment; sustainable consumption and production; and climate change. In fact, education can accelerate progress towards the achievement of all of the SDGs and therefore should be part of the strategies to achieve each of them. The renewed education agenda encapsulated in Goal 4 is comprehensive, holistic, ambitious, inspirational and universal, and inspired by a vision of education that transforms the lives of individuals, communities and societies, leaving no one behind.

## Participating Countries

Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Cameroon, Tanzania, Japan and Lesotho.

## Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the conference are to:

1. Mobilize national, regional and global efforts that aim at achieving effective and inclusive partnerships in African RCEs
2. Show case the work of African RCE network on Education for Sustainable Development
3. Establish a sector-wide and multiple sector approach for assessing and reporting RCE activities

4. Share ESD opportunities and challenges associated with implementation of the sustainable development goals.
5. Discuss the roles adults and youths can play in RCE activities
6. Review action plan for African RCEs.

### Expected Outcomes

1. Effective coordination and common agenda for implementing RCE activities
2. Increased capacities on assessing and reporting RCE activities
3. Shared strategies on implementing SDGs through ESD
4. Publication of articles in RCE Bulletin and journals
5. Strategies on how to involve the youths and adults alike in RCE activities
6. Revised action plan for African RCEs

### Conference Agenda

ARRIVAL: Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2017		
Arrival and Check-in 14:00 – 18:00	Arrival at Cresta Golfview Hotel, Lusaka	
19:00 – 21:00	Informal Welcome	Transport and Logistics Committee- Mrs. Mirriam Moonga, Dr. Pamela Banda, Ms. Mercy Zulu, <i>Ms Hope Muzanga</i>

DAY 1: Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2017		
08:00 – 08:30	<b>Registration of delegates</b> – (Secretariat) Mrs. Mirriam Moonga, Mr. Lukundo Sinkala, Mrs. Mirriam Soko and Mrs Jane Phiri	
08:30 – 08:40 08:40 – 09:20	<b>SESSION 1: Opening Ceremony (Plenary Session)</b> <b>Brief Introduction to the Programme</b> <b>Welcome /Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCE Lusaka Chairperson : Opening remarks– Mr. Marriot Nyangu</li> <li>• Dean: School of Education– Dr. Oswell Chakulimba</li> <li>• Vice Chancellor - University of Zambia – Prof. Luke Mumba (Welcome Speech)</li> </ul>	Conference Chairperson – Dr. Justin Lupele / Dr Pamela Banda  <i><b>Zambezi Hall</b></i>
09:20– 10:00	<b>Official Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His Worship the Mayor of Lusaka City– Honorable Wilson Kalumba</li> <li>• Official Opening: Minister of Higher</li> </ul>	Dr. Justin Lupele / Dr Pamela Banda

	Education – Prof. Nkandu Luo	
10:00 -10:30	<b>SESSION 2:</b> <b>Keynote Address 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Naoya Tsukamoto Project Director, ESD Project, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)</li> <li><b>Plenary</b></li> </ul>	<i>Zambezi Hall</i>
10:30 -11:00	<b>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Overview and Status of the African RCEs Community – Dr Abel Atiti</li> <li>Plenary discussion</li> </ul>	Prof. Goolam Mohamedbhai  <i>Zambezi Hall</i>
12:00–13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intergovernmental Platform on Bio-diversity and Eco-systems Services (IPBES) Presentation by Natural Resources Management Unit - Min of Lands &amp; Natural Resources</li> <li>Plenary discussion</li> </ul>	Dr. Pamela Banda  <i>Zambezi Hall</i>
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00-15:30	<b>SESSION 3: RCE Plenary Paper Presentations</b> (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCE Masaka</li> <li>RCE Greater Pwani</li> <li>RCE Lusaka</li> <li>RCE Gauteng</li> <li>RCE Kano</li> <li>RCE Harare</li> <li>RCE Makana</li> <li>RCE Zaria</li> <li>RCE Dar es Salaam</li> </ul>	Ms. Leah Phiri, Dr. Muchaiteyi Togo  <i>Zambezi Hall</i>
15:30- 16:00	<b>Break</b>	
16:00-17:20	<b>RCE Plenary Paper Presentations</b> <b>(continued )</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCE Minna</li> <li>RCE Greater Nairobi</li> <li>RCE Eastern Uganda</li> <li>RCE Port Harcourt,</li> <li>RCE Zomba</li> </ul> Plenary Discussion (30 Minutes)	Ms. Martha Raymond  <i>Zambezi Hall.</i>

17:20 – 17:30	Closing of Day 1	Dr. Justin Lupele
18:30 – 20:30	<b>Welcome Cocktail Party – Courtesy of BanC ABC</b>	Mr. Nyangu Marriot

## DAY 2: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017

08:00 – 08:30 08:30 – 10:30	<b>Recap of Day 1/Announcements</b> <b>Keynote address 2</b> Prof. Soul Shava <b>Keynote address 3</b> Dr. Pamela Banda <b>Plenary Discussion</b>	Conference Chairperson Ms. Musiwa Muntanga, Mr Usman Muhammed <i><b>Zambezi Hall</b></i>
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>TEA / COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11:00:-12:30	<b>SESSION 4: PANEL DISCUSSION - Youth participation in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth involvement in Climate Action - Buumba Miyoba</li> <li>Youth Involvement in Ensuring Healthy lives and Promoting well-being at all ages - Sopani R Muzumara</li> <li>Youth Involvement in Poverty Reduction - Hope Muzanga</li> <li>Affordable and Clean Energy – Muyoka Shibulo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ibrahim Jaafaru</li> <li>Muhammed Usman</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mr. Clement Chiimbwe Maria Kamzimbi Tsama Mkuzi  <i><b>Zambezi Hall</b></i>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>SESSION 5: PAPERS (PARALLEL SESSIONS) Each Presentation will be 10 minutes. 20 – 30 minutes plenary.</b>	<b>Conference Room</b>
Subtheme 1	<b>RCE: Towards a Strategic Action for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving Sustainable Development Goals through Education and RCEs –Mr. Hamisi Tsama Mkuzi.</li> <li>Triple helix plus+ model: an innovative partnership in line with SDG 17 - Dr. Uche Monica.</li> </ul> Plenary Discussion (30min)	Session Chairperson – Dr Charles Ndakala  <i><b>Zambezi Hall</b></i>

Subtheme 2	<p><b>RCE: Policies and Initiatives on Education for Sustainable Development</b> Policies around conservation of Mukula Tree in Zambia: Min of Land and Natural Resources. – Forestry Department – Zambia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity Building In The Gauteng RCE: A Case Study of The Fundisa For Change Environmental Teacher Education Programme, South Africa –Prof. Soul Shava</li> <li>Achieving Sustainable Development Goals through Education and RCEs– Ms. Bernadettah Maria Kamzimbi Zimba</li> </ul> <p>Plenary Discussion (30min)</p>	<p>Session Chairpersons – Dr Abdul Husaini</p> <p><b><i>Chambeshi Hall</i></b></p>
Subtheme 3	<p><b>ESD Initiatives: Milestones for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mapping Success Milestone of Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) in Championing Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for achieving SDGs– Dr. Andama Edward</li> <li>Beyond the classroom: Inter-phasing ESD learning with actionable SDG programs – lessons from a graduating class legacy project in the greater Zaria RCE region.– Prof. Adamu Ahmed</li> <li>Partnerships Initiatives– Prof. Mary Otieno</li> </ul> <p>Plenary Discussion (30min)</p>	<p>Session Chairpersons – Dr. Marlene Chikuni</p> <p><b><i>Luangwa Hall</i></b></p>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>14:30-16:30</b>	<b>SESSION 5: PAPERS PRESENTATIONS IN PARALLEL SESSIONS Continues .....</b>	
Subtheme 4	<p><b>Learning SDGs through RCEs and ESD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Space Development as a Strategy for Sustainable Urbanization in Minna: the RCE Minna approach– Dr. Abdul Husaini</li> <li>Kwame Nkrumah education institution in transition: An opportunity for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through Education Sustainable Development– Mr. Jive Lubungu</li> <li>Championing sustainability in schools through a partnership model: the case of Emisebeni Primary, Soweto, Johannesburg–Dr. Muchaiteyi Togo</li> </ul> <p>Plenary Discussion (30min)</p>	<p>Session Chairpersons Prof. Mary Otieno</p> <p><b><i>Chambeshi Hall</i></b></p>

Subtheme 5	<p>ESD opportunities and challenges associated with the implementation of SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESD Issues: The story of Harare– Mrs.Cecilia Mukundu</li> <li>• Intergrating Biodiversity Conservation in the Teaching and Learning Process–Ms. Martha Ngalowera</li> <li>• The role of traditional rulers in land restoration to achieve SDG 15: RCE Kano’s economic trees for the Sahara and Sahel’s perspectives– Mr. Usman Muhammad</li> </ul> <p>Plenary Discussion (30min)</p>	<p>Session Chairpersons Dr. Edward Andama</p> <p><i>Luangwa Hall</i></p>
<b>16:30-16:40</b>	<b>TEA/ COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>16:45 -17:30</b>	<b>SESSION 6. Closed African RCE Meeting</b>	<b>Moderators:</b>
	RCE AGM	<p>Dr. Abdul Husaini and Dr. Marlene Chikuni</p> <p><i>Zambezi Hall</i></p>

### DAY 3: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

08:00-08:30	<p>Preparations for Excursion/announcements and logistics</p> <p>Packed Lunch</p>	Mrs. Mirriam Moonga, Dr. Pamela Banda, Ms. Mercy Zulu, Ms. Hope Muzanga
09:00 -13:00	<b>SESSION 7: Excursion to Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre</b>	<p><b>Guide/Facilitator</b></p> <p>Mr Lukundo Sinkala</p> <p>Mr. Clement Chimbwe,</p> <p>Ms Sopani Muzumara and</p> <p>Ms Hope Muzanga</p>
14:00 – 17: 30	Participants Networking/Free Time	
18:00-20:00	Fireside Talk	Mr. Usman Mohammed

### DAY 4: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

	Departure from Lusaka	Mrs Mirriam Moonga
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