

Continental Meeting of RCEs in the Americas (10:30 - 12:30)

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

8th Global RCE Conference, Nairobi, Kenya

Conference Room #9

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General background question for reflection by RCEs leading up to and during the meeting: "How do we work continentally to engage all of our RCEs in the Americas to collaboratively and cooperatively identify and act on similar ESD issues, challenges, and opportunities?"

Meeting Outputs:

Facilitators: preparation of PPT slide with 3 action points from session for report back to the plenary

Recorder: recording of rough minutes and provision of half-page summary to RCE Global Service Centre for inclusion in conference proceedings

Participants: identification of specific joint action items and individuals and RCEs willing to take leadership on opportunities identified

Time	Agenda Item
10:30-10:35	<i>Welcome and Election</i> of co-chairs/facilitators and recorder(s)
10:35 - 11:00	<i>Introduction of new RCEs and RCE updates:</i> Consider your answer to the question "What is working in your RCE?" Highlight 1 or 2 successes (you are welcome to provide a short summary page of your RCE's highlights to share with other RCEs)
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Follow-up action items</i> from Americas Meeting at 7 th Global RCE Conference (Tongyeong, S. Korea; September 2012) and 2 nd RCE Conference of the Americas (Lima, Peru; Feb. 2013) including potential improvements in collaboration/logistics, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a) Focus on regular (quarterly?) communication (Skype/video/phone conferences) for follow-up on action items and possible virtual continental meetings- b) Sharing more information through the UNU-IAS Portals and publications
11:15-11:35	<i>Virtual Youth Conference of the Americas</i> Presentation (RCE Grand Rapids)
11:35 - 12:05	<i>Identification of multilateral and bilateral opportunities for collaboration of RCEs in the Americas</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Possible Activities:</i> exchanges/regional visits, living laboratories, research/policy collaboration, curriculum development, diplomas/accreditation, teacher training, public/popular education

- (cities&rural), youth engagement
- *Possible Issue Areas and Themes:*
 - a) Indigenous/Traditional ways of knowing & ESD b) climate change, c) water, d) biodiversity, e) poverty reduction/livelihood, f) health/nutrition, g) waste management, and h) emerging issues

12:05-12:15

Next Continental Conference of the Americas:
Possible dates, opportunities for participation, and suggested workshops. RCE Western Jalisco (Mexico) has offered to host this conference and suggested the following workshops:

- Development of Educational Resources
- Organic food production (Urban and Rural Areas)
- Radio Program Production
- Developing ESD Videos
- Preparation and publication of environmental songs
- Making puppets and theater scripts

12:15 - 12:25

Strategic Directions re. 2014 in Japan and Post Decade

- Guidance to UNU, UN, and RCE Movement
- Consider opportunities and threats facing our RCE movement, how to capitalize on these opportunities, and how to transform threats into opportunities

12:25 - 12:30

Wrap-up and Next Steps