Preparing an ACE national strategy and mobilizing resources for implementing

Dominican Republic Experience 27 May 2016

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Developing a National ACE Strategy

In 2012 as a pilot country of the ONE UN Association on Climate Change Learning (UN CC:Learn) the Dominican Republic developed what can be considered an ACE National Strategy. At that time we labelled it as a National Climate Change Learning Strategy.

Participatory and policy relevant: 400 individuals and 100 institutions participated in the process and it is connected to the country Long Term Development Strategy to 2030. The Strategy was launched with the highest political support from the Office of the Presidency of the country.

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Left image is the launch of the ACE National Strategy presided by the Vicepresident of the country.

Right image is the launch (also presided by the Vicepresident of the country) of our Climate Change Learning Program which was a concrete implementation result of the Strategy.

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Implementation Focus and Resources Mobilization

Our National Strategy prioritized the education sector introducing climate change in the education curricula and training teachers.

Our resource mobilization strategy consisted in partnering with the Ministry of Education and including our program in the national budget. In this way we secured USD 1 million for 3 years implementation of our CC Education Project. The support of UN CC:Learn (UNESCO in particular) was key for achieving this.

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Left image is the signing of our Partnership with the Ministry of Education.

Right image is the first implementation phase of our ACE Strategy with the training of 40 trainers of trainers in 2012. By 2016 we have trained 200 trainers, 2500 teachers reaching more than 50,000 students.

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Future of our ACE Strategy and Resources Mobilization

Our strategy for the future is to expand our experience with other countries. Since 2015 we begun a climate change learning project with the Central America Integration System (SICA) under which next month (June 2016) we will define an ACE Priority Action for at least 4 Central American countries.

We plan to develop a fund raising strategy to mobilize more national and international resources for the SICA project, approaching at the same time the national and regional levels.

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Poster of our first regional ACE activity in February 2016, a Youth Virtual Dialogue between 4 Central American countries: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama and Dominican Republic. Supported by UN CC:Learn with Swiss Cooperation funds.

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