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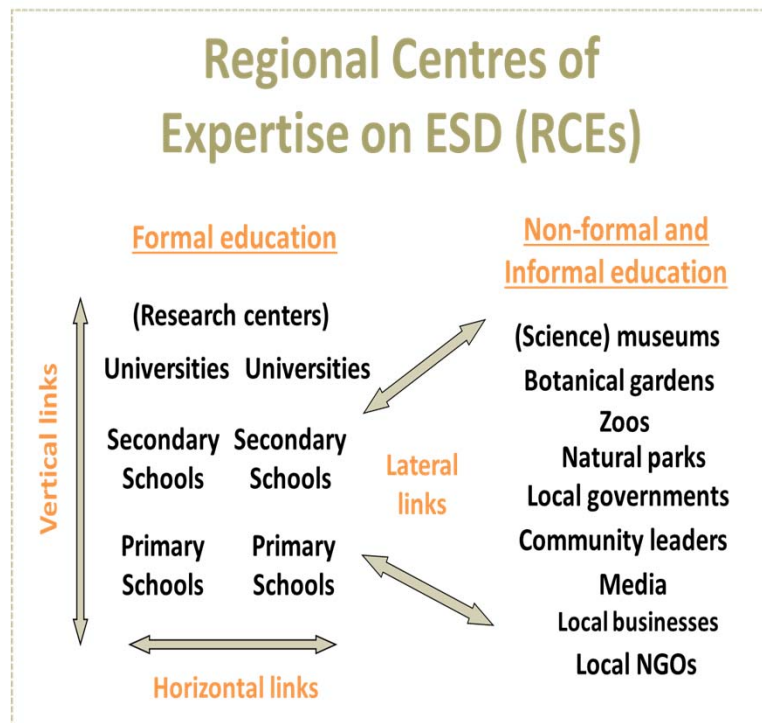
Philip Vaughter – UNU-IAS - Tokyo, Japan

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Background of ESD Programme

- * UNU-IAS launched the ESD Programme with funding support from MOEJ in 2003 in response to the UN resolution on DESD
- * Major Objectives
 - ❑ Advocacy and dissemination of ESD principles
 - ❑ Promotion of Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD (RCEs)
 - ❑ Strengthening of ESD activities of higher education institutions (ProSPER.Net)

Regional Centers of Expertise (RCEs) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)



- * An RCE is a network of existing formal, non-formal, and informal organisations that facilitate education for sustainable development in local and regional communities (secretariat usually higher education institution)
- * Because of this unique synthesis of actors from different sectors, an RCE can access a pool of experts from different fields
 - * Helps break down silos
 - * Gives overview of critical issues due to multiple stakeholders
 - * Pool of experts can support and facilitate change

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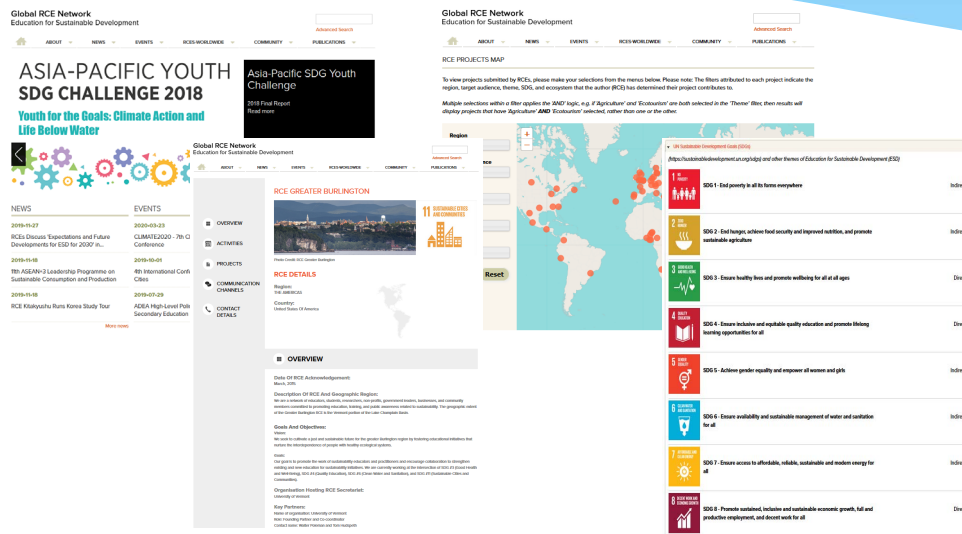
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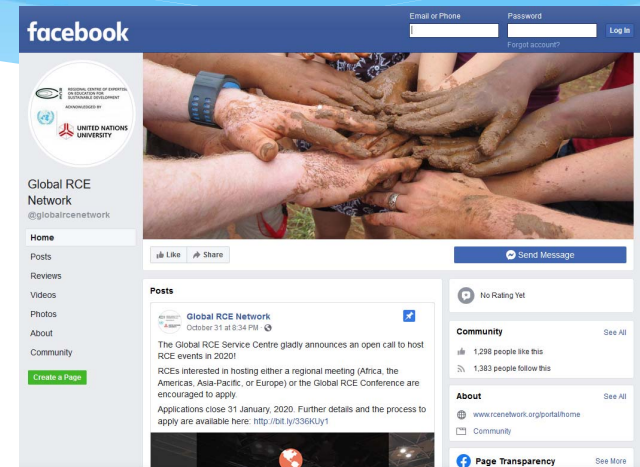


www.rcenetwork.org

RCE Portal and RCE Facebook Page



<http://www.rcenetwork.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/globalrcenetwork>

RCE Bulletin

- Issued monthly
- Upcoming ESD-related Events
- Latest News
- Invitations for collaboration
- New Publications and Resources
- Created a template for RCEs to submit an article to the bulletin



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MESSAGE FROM THE GLOBAL RCE SERVICE CENTRE:

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Planning for 2019 RCE events is now well underway, including the RCE Regional Meetings. Please see below for the dates for a number of the meetings which have been confirmed.

We would also like to remind interested organisations that RCE applications are currently open for 2019! Details about the open call including key dates and application process can be viewed [here](#).

If you have any news, upcoming events, or publications that you would like to share with the RCE community, please complete [this form](#) and email your submission to the Global RCE Service Centre at rceservicecentre@unlu.edu.tw (submissions close on the 15th of each month).

Sincerely,
The Global RCE Service Centre

Five New RCEs Join the Global RCE Network

The Global RCE Service Centre would like to extend a warm welcome to five new RCEs who were acknowledged at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Ubuntu Committee of Peers for the RCEs, held on 6 December, 2018, in Cebu, the Philippines:

- RCE Sundarbans (Bangladesh)
- RCE Qingdao (China)
- RCE Sakon Nakhon (Thailand)
- RCE North Texas (USA)
- RCE Gran Caracas (Venezuela)

Please join us in welcoming these new RCEs to the RCE family!



Open Call: 12th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting
(Photo credit: Yang Yi)

The Global RCE Service Centre is pleased to announce the host for the 12th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting will be RCE Hangzhou in China. Registrations are now open for the meeting, to be held in Hangzhou, China, from 4-6 June, 2019.

Beginning from 4 June, 2019, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the Symposium on 'Enabling a Low-Carbon Society through Education for Sustainable Development' to be held on 5 June, 2019, followed by a thematic workshop and field trip on 6 June, 2019. This event will also celebrate World Environment Day 2019 on 5th June, 2019, which encourages awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

The meeting will provide a regional platform to discuss, debate and launch activities that reinforce the fundamental role that education plays in achieving a sustainable future in the region.

Further details and required forms for submission can be found [here](#).

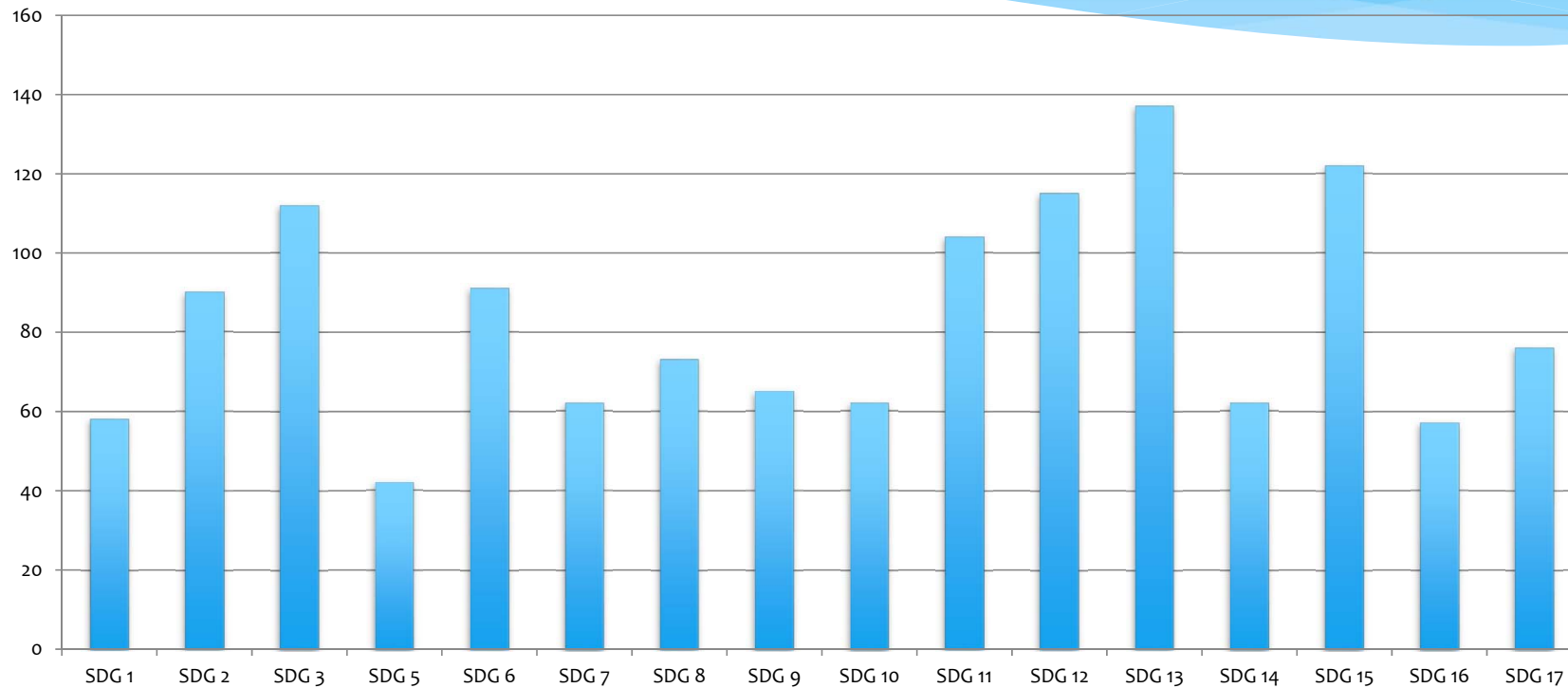
For those applying for funding support, please note the registration deadline of **11:59pm, Friday 22 March, 2019 (JST)**.

For those NOT applying for funding support, the deadline to register is **11:59pm, Friday 3 May, 2019 (JST)**.

Save the Date: 9th African Regional Meeting

The Global RCE Service Centre is pleased to announce that RCE Eswatini will host the 9th African Regional

RCE projects tagged by Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), omitting SDG 4 (Quality Education) during the GAP (2015-2019)



Review of RCEs and GAP

* **Summary points:**

- * RCE activities on climate change addressed climate change mitigation through ESD projects on low-carbon consumption, reforestation and conservation, and public awareness campaigns on climate change and health
- * RCE projects on climate change largely led and implemented by youth
- * Climate change priority area for RCE projects in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Europe, though not the Americas
- * Much burden for implementing ESD still falling on teachers in formal schooling systems, despite youth and children producing fewer emissions per capita
- * ESD policies showing up in many government systems, but information not shared between ministries in same country