



## 16<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific RCE Regional Meeting

### *Expanding ESD Capabilities to Achieve SDG 4 (Quality Education)*

**12-15 September 2024**

**Venue: Arbaev Kyrgyz State University (AKSU) (Razzakova 51a, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic)**

High-quality education produces qualified professionals who contribute to the development of the country. Improving the quality of education is a challenge that needs a solution. Quality education, as described in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4, includes all training and professional development in the context of lifelong learning, with education systems prioritizing learning for sustainability and modeling sustainable practice. Increasing the impact of non-formal and informal learning in the community to take responsible action is a powerful tool to create change at national, regional, and global levels.

#### Day 1: 12 September 2024

\*Time is indicated in Kyrgyzstan Time (GMT +6)

SPEAKER		
9:15 9:45	30 min	<b>Registration</b> <i>(Tea/coffee)</i>
9:45 10:10	25 min	<b>Conference opening</b>  Welcome Remarks from key institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ministry of Education of Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>● AKSU Rector</li> <li>● UNU-IAS</li> <li>● Ministry of Environment, Government of Japan (tbc)</li> <li>● RCE Kyrgyzstan</li> </ul>
10:10 10:20	10 min	<b>Group photo</b>
10:20 10:30	10 min	<b>Review of the 15<sup>th</sup> AP RCE Meeting</b>  RCE Tongyeong (South Korea)
10:30 11:10	40 min	<b>Session 1: Lightening Presentation AP RCEs - Achievements and collaborative Initiatives</b>  Moderator: RCE Kyrgyzstan Presenters: Asia-Pacific RCE members



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11:10 11:25	15 min	<b>Updates on the Global RCE Network</b> Presenter: Global RCE Service Centre (UNU-IAS)
11:25 12:10	45 min	<b>Session 2: Keynote Session - SDGs, 2030 Agenda and steps beyond</b>  Moderator: Dr. Prof Munirah Ghazali (Regional Advisor for Asia Pacific RCEs) (tbc) Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of the Institute of Natural Recourses and Tourism</li> <li>• UNU-IAS (TBC)</li> <li>• UNESCO Bangkok (TBC) RCEs (1-2 representatives from Asia Pacific RCEs)</li> </ul>
12:10 13:10	60 min	<b>Session 3: RCEs Case Study Presentation - Sharing good ESD practices, successful activities, teaching methods/methodologies to improve education quality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local actions on transforming learning environments</li> <li>• Local actions on building the capacities of educators</li> <li>• Local actions on empowering and mobilizing youth</li> </ul> Moderator: TBC
13:10 14:30		<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 16:00	90 min	<b>Session 4: Working Group Discussion - Education for Peace and Partnership (Breakout Sessions)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1. People (Well-being and inclusion) (SDGs 1,2,3,4,10,16&amp;17)</li> <li>• Group 2. Prosperity (Circular economy) (SDGs 7,8,9, 11,12&amp;17)</li> <li>• Group 3. Planet (Environmental safety) (SDGs 6,13, 14,15&amp;17)</li> </ul> Moderator for each group: TBC
16:00 16:15	15 min	<b>Tea/coffee Break</b>
16:15 16:45	30 min	<b>Session 4 (Continued) - Report back from breakout sessions &amp; discussion</b>
16:45 17:30	45 min	<b>Organizational matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asia Pacific RCE Coordinating Committee (2025-2026)</li> <li>- Asia Pacific Regional Youth Coordinator (2025-2026)</li> </ul>
17:30		<b>Departure to Dinner (45 min from AKSU to Supara)</b>
18:30 21:30		<b>Welcome Dinner at Ethnic Center Supara</b>



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## Day 2: 13 September 2024

TIME		SPEAKER
9:30 10:30	60 min	<b>Session 5: Panel discussion on Mainstreaming SDGs to education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SDGs: How to integrate them into higher education teaching and learning</li> <li>- Policy instruments &amp; regulatory tools to support embedding sustainability in university &amp; college curricula</li> </ul>
10:30 10:45	15 min	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
10:40 11:40	55 min	<b>Session 6: Working Group discussion - Capacity Building to improve the quality of education for teachers, students, pupils, and communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Higher education: difficulties and problem-solving</li> <li>- School and Youth: education changes</li> <li>- Community: new skill development</li> </ul> <p>Moderator for each group:TBC</p>
11:40 12:00	20 min	<b>Session 6 (Continued): Report back from working group discussions</b>
12:00 13:30		<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 18:00		<b>Field trip to the National Park Ala Archa (35 km from Bishkek)</b> Free networking on ongoing and potential future joint projects
18:30 20:30		<b>Closing 16 Asia Pacific RCE meeting</b> <b>Dinner</b>

## Days 3 & 4: 14-15 September 2024

### Two-day Site visit (Optional)

Date and Time	Programme
14 September 7:30	<b>Travel to Issyk Kul Lake (200 km from Bishkek)</b> Visit Geopark and Issyk - Kul Biosphere territory. Learn experience of Kyrgyz traditions and culture, stay in Yurt camp
15 September 13:30 17:00	<b>Going back to Bishkek</b> <b>Departure from Bishkek Manas Airport</b>