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# Progress of the Global RCE network April 2015-2016

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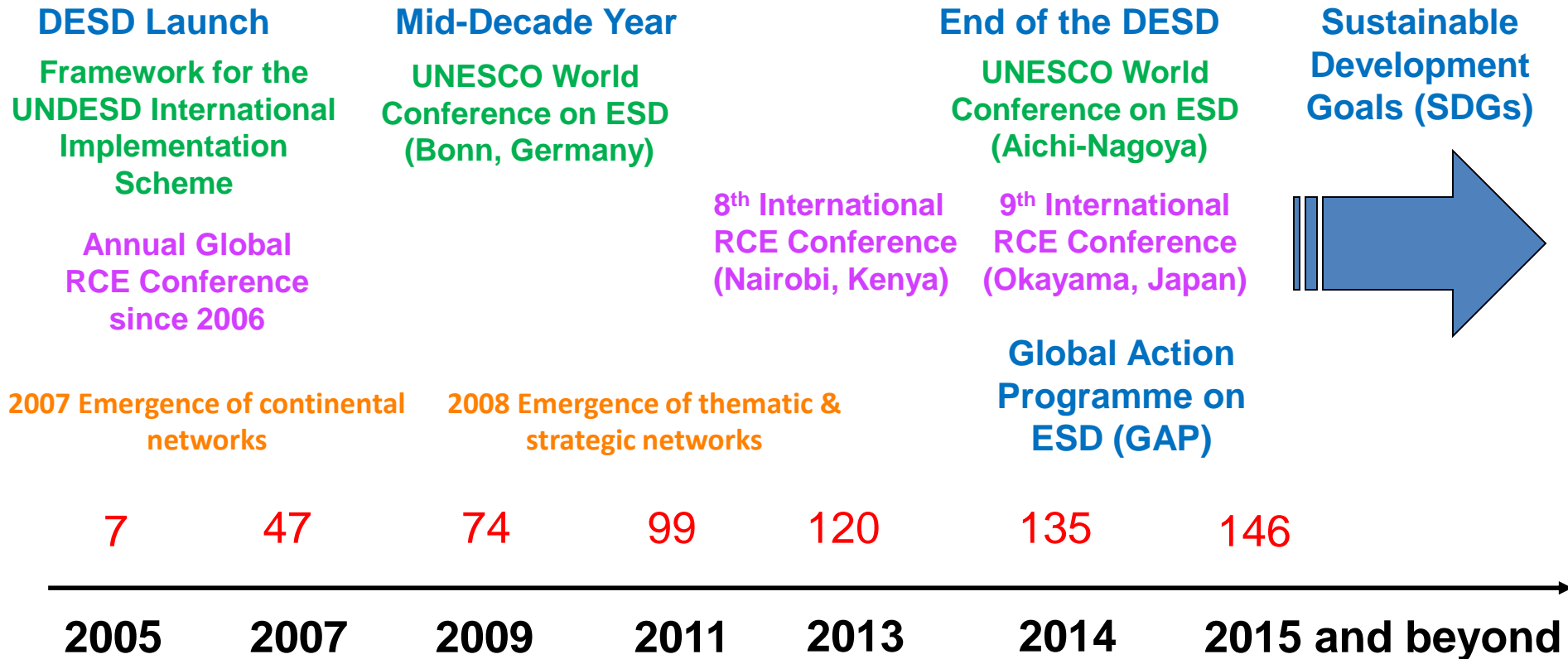
**1.) Development of the RCE Network**

**2.) Overview of RCE-related activities implemented since April  
2015**

# 1. Development of the RCE Network

**2003** Establishment of ESD Programme at UNU-IAS

**2004** Development of the RCE Concept



Number in Red: Number of RCEs Acknowledged by UNU

# Newly acknowledged RCEs

## Global Network:

- 146 RCEs worldwide
  - Asia-Pacific: 54
  - Europe: 39
  - Africa and Middle East: 32
  - Americas: 21

## New RCEs:

9 RCEs were acknowledged since April 2015 until now.

Asia-Pacific: Tasmania, Chennai (India), Hokkaido Central (Japan), Maha Sarakham (Thailand),  
Africa and Middle East: South Rift (Kenya), Greater Kampala (Uganda), Greater Masaka (Uganda), Port Harcourt (Nigeria)  
Americas: Cuenca del Plata (Argentina)

# The Global RCE Network

## Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development



RCEs around the world

There are 146 acknowledged RCEs as of January 2016

[www.rce-network.org/](http://www.rce-network.org/)

# 146 RCEs as of June 2016

# RCE Recognition Award 2015

- 17 projects from 16 RCEs were submitted
- 6 projects including RCE Okayama, RCE Iskandar, RCE Greater Phnom Penh received awards under “Outstanding Flagship Projects”.
- 8 projects including RCE Central Semenanjung, RCE Chandigarh, RCE Bohol, RCE Bangalore, RCE Kyrgyzstan, RCE Hohhot received under “Acknowledged Flagship Project”
- Contents of each project can be checked on the RCE Portal:  
<http://www.rce-network.org/portal/awards>

## 2. Overview of RCE-related activities

March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific RCE Meeting</li> <li>• Japanese RCE Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cebu &amp; Bohol, Philippines</li> <li>• Miyagi, Japan</li> </ul>
May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of Sejahtera Center for Asia-Pacific RCEs</li> <li>• Global GAP Partner Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tongyeong, South Korea</li> <li>• Paris, France</li> </ul>
July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Environmental Education Congress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gothenburg, Sweden</li> </ul>
August 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 4<sup>th</sup> Americas RCE Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand Rapids, United States</li> </ul>

<The 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific RCE Meeting>



<The 4<sup>th</sup> Americas RCE Meeting>





## 2. Overview of RCE-related activities

September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German RCE Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Munich, Germany</li> </ul>
October 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 5<sup>th</sup> African RCE Meeting</li> <li>• Traditional Knowledge Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entebbe, Uganda</li> <li>• Bangalore, India</li> </ul>
November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 10<sup>th</sup> Ubuntu Committee of Peers for the RCEs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tokyo, Japan</li> </ul>
Jan 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education as a Driver for SDGs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahmedabad, India</li> </ul>
Feb 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japanese RCE Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yokohama, Japan</li> </ul>
May 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Nations Environment Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nairobi, Kenya</li> </ul>

<The 5<sup>th</sup> African RCE Meeting>



<Education as a Driver for SDGs>





## 2. Overview of RCE-related activities

June 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European RCE Meeting</li><li>• The 9<sup>th</sup> AP RCE Meeting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• London, UK</li><li>• Cha-am, Thailand</li></ul>
July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global GAP Partner Meeting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paris, France</li></ul>
August 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• African RCE Meeting</li><li>• Tokyo International on African Development (TICAD) VI</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nairobi, Kenya</li></ul>
October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Americas RCE Meeting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curitiba, Brazil</li></ul>
November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 11<sup>th</sup> Ubuntu Committee of Peers for the RCEs (21-22 November)</li><li>• The 10<sup>th</sup> Global RCE Conference (23-25 November)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yogyakarta, Indonesia</li></ul>

# RCE Portal- Renewal

<http://www.rce-network.org/portal/home>

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Education for Sustainable Development



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9th Asia-Pacific RCE Meeting, 30 June 2016, Cha-am, Thailand

The event will be followed by the IPBES workshop and is preceded by the International Conference on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the SDGs

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ESD Okayama Award 2016

2016-05-30

UNU-IAS expands its cooperation with ASEAN in Education for Sustainable Development

2016-05-30

Video: Inter-university water and sanitation competition helps develop an integrated

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## PUBLICATIONS

2016

Research and Innovation in Education for Sustainable Development

2015

World Energy Outlook Special Report 2015: Energy and Climate Change


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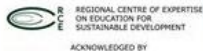

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<http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes>



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## Global RCE Conference



Communities, NGOs, governments, industry and academia discuss the role of education in a sustainable world

## RCEs Worldwide



146 Regional Centres of Expertise focus globally on Education for Sustainable Development

## Capacity Development



Capacity development is about supporting the network, allowing it to grow in knowledge and experience

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# RCE E-Bulletin

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## RCE E-Bulletin

*Issue 55: February 2016*

### MESSAGE FROM THE GLOBAL RCE SERVICE CENTRE:

Dear colleagues and friends,

The open call to host regional and global RCE meetings closed on 29 February 2016. We received several expressions of interest. For the regions Africa and the Americas, the Global RCE Service Centre is still in the process of evaluating different proposals, but you can already find the details for the Europe and Asia Pacific meetings below. Regarding the global RCE conference, we will share more details in due course.

#### **Asia Pacific RCEs meeting hosted by RCE Cha-am, 27 June -1 July 2016, Cha-am, Thailand**

The Asia-pacific RCEs are scheduled to meet during 27 June to 1 July 2016 in Cha-am, Thailand for a three-part gathering hosted by RCE Cha-am. The RCEs will be participating in the [International Conference on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) during 27-28 June and will hold the 9th Asia-Pacific RCE Meeting on 29 June. The Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Capacity Building Workshop on Policy Support Tools and methodologies will be held on 30 June to 1 July where a number of Asia-Pacific RCEs will be participating.

Inquiries regarding the conference should be addressed to Ms. Areeporn Sittayanpaiboon, Coordinator of RCE Cha-am ([ccb.es.step@mail.com](mailto:ccb.es.step@mail.com)) or [areeporn\\_step@yahoo.com](mailto:areeporn_step@yahoo.com). More information on the Asia-Pacific RCE Meeting and the IPBES Capacity Building Workshop will be shared soon.

#### **European RCEs meeting hosted by RCE London, 23-24 June, 2016, London, UK (Date and programme TBC)**

#### **RCE Applications**

- 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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Please send this form to the Global RCE Service Centre ([rceservicecentre@unu.edu](mailto:rceservicecentre@unu.edu)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Thank you!

# RCE-related Publications

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## POLICY BRIEF

No. 4, 2016

### Climate Change Education: From Critical Thinking to Critical Action

Philip Vaughter

#### Highlights

Effective policy related to climate change education requires not only a commitment to teach and learn but a commitment to act. Research has shown that knowledge alone is insufficient for societies to change behaviour; therefore, policymakers must move beyond education systems that simply transmit knowledge to ones that promote graduates who are engaged in systemic change.

##### Recommendations:

- Emphasise action competence, not just knowledge, in developing curriculums and learning outcomes related to climate change literacy.
- Create learning environments in which students are able to practise action competence in responding to climate changes, by minimising operational policy and practices that contradict competencies being taught in relation to climate change.
- Target adult and senior learners for climate literacy and building action competence with regard to climate change.

#### Education and Climate Change

Significant strides have been made in human development around the globe in the last 15 years. Measures of poverty reduction, health outcomes and access to education have improved. However, as our health, wealth and capacity have expanded, our natural resource base has shrunk. By trying to drive 21st century development with 20th century ideals, we are rapidly degrading the life support systems on which we depend for our survival. Climate change, caused by our energy consumption, over-exploitation of ecosystems and unsustainable consumption and production patterns, threatens to undo much of the progress that has been made. Climate change affects food security and water supplies through changing precipitation patterns, and impacts infrastructure through rising sea levels and the increasing intensity of storms, floods and droughts. As damage increases, economies will have to shift expenditures to disaster relief and away from social development, which means progress made under the Millennium Development Goals of 2000 could quickly backslide.

While there are numerous policy instruments and technical solutions for mitigating and responding to climate change, changing the behaviour of individuals and organisations will be the most critical component of the process. Indeed, investment in capacity development has been shown to have

- Policy Brief on Climate Change Education (Dr. Philip Vaughter)
- Published in February 2016
- How to access our Policy Briefs:
  1. RCE Portal- Click Publications
  2. Click “Policy Briefs”




# SDGs Blog Series at UNU

- Posted on the UNU Website
- Goal 4 (Education): Dr. Zinaida Fadeeva
- Goal 13 (Climate Change): Dr. Philip Vaughter
- URL:  
[http://unu.edu/globalgoals?utm\\_source=home&utm\\_medium=campaign&utm\\_term=article&utm\\_content=the-global-goals&utm\\_campaign=unu%20centre](http://unu.edu/globalgoals?utm_source=home&utm_medium=campaign&utm_term=article&utm_content=the-global-goals&utm_campaign=unu%20centre)

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