



# The 1<sup>st</sup> National RCE Youth Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Nigeria

Theme: Youth and Sustainable Development Nexus: ESD Critical Success Dynamic

Regional Centre of Expertise Kano, officially acknowledged by the United Nations University

## INTRODUCTION

The Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Kano; Bayero University Kano (BUK); National Commission for Mass Literacy Adult, and Non-Formal Education; and Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change (CREACC) are organising a **one day National RCE Youth Conference on Education for Sustainable Development**. The Conference will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 at the Faculty of Law Theatre, Bayero University Kano.

The Youth Conference is aimed at providing an opportunity for young people to exchange ideas and experiences on ESD, and discuss ways to further promote ESD at the national and global levels.

The Conference will also launch an eco-awareness and environmental sanitation campaign for student representatives, as well as witness the inauguration of **Environmental Sustainability Ambassadors** –an initiative pioneered by BUK Law Class 2005 Education Support Fund, Kano Botanic Garden and RCE Kano. The **Faculty of Law Garden and Reading Shed** will also be launched as part of the conference events.

## MODALITIES

The Conference will compose of a short introductory presentation, panel discussion with experts, as well as round table discussions with selected participants.





The presentation will provide an **overview of Sustainable Development Goals** highlighting some of the key targets and goals. The panel discussions will feature **the role of youth in achieving sustainable development: prospects and challenges in Nigeria**, while round table discussions will give an opportunity for the youth to **engage with each other, exchange ideas, propose solutions and suggest initiatives/interventions that could enhance their active participation in ESD, and in promoting sustainable development at local, national, regional and international levels.**

### Panel discussion:

**Moderator:** Usman Muhammad Mareri, Youth Coordinator for Africa and Middle East, Global RCE Network, United Nations University.

### Panellists:

1. Prof Batulu Mukhtar, The Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Dutse and Chairperson, Kano Botanic Garden.
2. Mr. Ali Bukar Ahmad, Assistant General Manager, Transmission Company of Nigeria, Abuja.
3. Professor Abba Haladu, Executive Secretary, National Commission for Mass Literacy Adult, and Non-Formal Education, Abuja.
4. Professor Sadiya Sani Daura, Provost, Federal College of Education, Daura, Katsina State.

### Round Table Discussions

**Moderator:** Dr Awwal Magashi, Ph.D. Lecturer, Department of International Law and Jurisprudence, BUK. Chairperson of the Project Implementation Committee for the Class 2005 Eco-awareness project.

### PARTICIPANTS:

Participants will be divided into 3, each group with an expert to chair the discussions, and will be assigned different questions to deliberate upon relating to the theme of the Conference.





## CONFERENCE LOGISTICS, ETC

The Conference will bring together about 50 participants which comprises of 2 participants from each RCEs in Nigeria, students from Faculty of Law, BUK, other Bayero University Kano students, some selected secondary school students, and other youth organizations from across Nigeria.

## ACCOMMODATION

RCE Kano will provide accommodation for RCE youth participants from states that are outside Kano for two days from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 particularly those coming from Southern Nigeria such as RCE Port Harcourt, Ilorin, and Lagos.

## TRANSPORTATION

RCE Kano will provide reimbursement for bus travel fee to participants outside Kano, especially those coming from Southern Nigeria such as RCE Port Harcourt, Ilorin, and Lagos.

## VENUE

The Conference will be held at the Faculty of Law Theatre, Bayero University Kano, Gwarzo Road, Kano, Nigeria (New Site).

## CONFERENCE AIMS

The aims of the conference are:

- i. Awareness creation on the importance of ESD and its impact on the overall economy and development prospects of the youth and the nation.
- ii. To impart ESD knowledge to participants to become positive change agents in their respective communities and beyond





- iii. To discuss ways of further promoting SD and ESD at the national, regional, and global agendas and development plan
- iv. To help develop capacities of youth with skills to scale up self–help, entrepreneurial initiatives, community project creation etc.
- v. To create a platform for discussions, sharing of ideas, skills and experiences among youth participants and selected stakeholders.
- vi. To discuss current and emerging issues on SDGs, ESD, SD, climate change and environment as they affect the youth and the community.
- vii. To develop and publish a Nigerian youth position paper ahead of Global RCE conference
- viii. Showcase best practice projects by youth on SD, SDGs, GAP, Environment and climate change.
- ix. Develop a youth roadmap for implementing SD, SDGs, GAP and integrating youth into the national SDG's implementation plan, policy and programs.
- x. To Launch Nigerian youth Five year strategy on SDG, GAP and climate change

## DATE AND TIME

The conference will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017.

The start time is 8:30am.

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