

The 5<sup>th</sup> International RCE Conference  
18–20 May 2010  
Curitiba, Brazil

# Report on RCE Continental Meeting of the Asia–Pacific

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010



# Participants

(14 RCEs & 1 Candidate Among 28 Acknowledged RCEs)

- ▶ Beijing
- ▶ Guwahati
- ▶ Delhi
- ▶ Lucknow
- ▶ East Kalimantan
- ▶ Yogyakarta
- ▶ Chubu
- ▶ Hyogo-Kobe
- ▶ Okayama
- ▶ Kitakyushu
- ▶ Tongyeong
- ▶ Kyrgyzstan
- ▶ Penang
- ▶ Trang
- ▶ Candidate : Ul-Joo



# Agenda

- ▶ **Discussion on the Role of AP Continental Network and its Effective Management**
- ▶ **Thematic Group discussion**
- ▶ **The next AP Continental Meeting**
- ▶ **Reorganization of The Asia-Pacific Coordination Committee**



# Discussion on the Role of AP Continental Network and its Effective Management

## ▶ 1. RCE Development in the Asia-Pacific Capacity Building & Encouraging New RCEs

- Problems : Case-by-Case
  - ➔ Capacity building workshops with assistance from the RCE global Service Center
- Understanding : The beginning of joint capacity building
  - ➔ Need Common Platform for sharing general information, experiences and activities.
  - ➔ RCE Portal ?!



# Discussion on the Role of AP Continental Network and its Effective Management

## ► 2. Role of Continental RCE Platforms

### ◦ The Vision

- The Asia-Pacific Continental Platform is a way to build good collaboration among RCEs in our endeavors towards protecting Asian culture and way of life in order to promote sustainability.
- The Asia-Pacific Continental Platform promotes Asian perspectives on sustainable development and ESD, based on the traditional wisdom of coexistence.



# Discussion on the Role of AP Continental Network and its Effective Management

## ► 2. Role of Continental RCE Platforms

### ◦ **Linking with Existing ESD Networks**

- Promote linkage with non-formal and informal sectors in search for the Asian path to sustainability.
- Sharing human resources can be a good way to start networking

➔ Need DATABASE of ESD networks within AP region

➔ DIVIDE AP region into smaller sub-regions of similar characteristics to promote more in-depth networking



# Discussion on the Role of AP Continental Network and its Effective Management

## 3. Operational Challenges

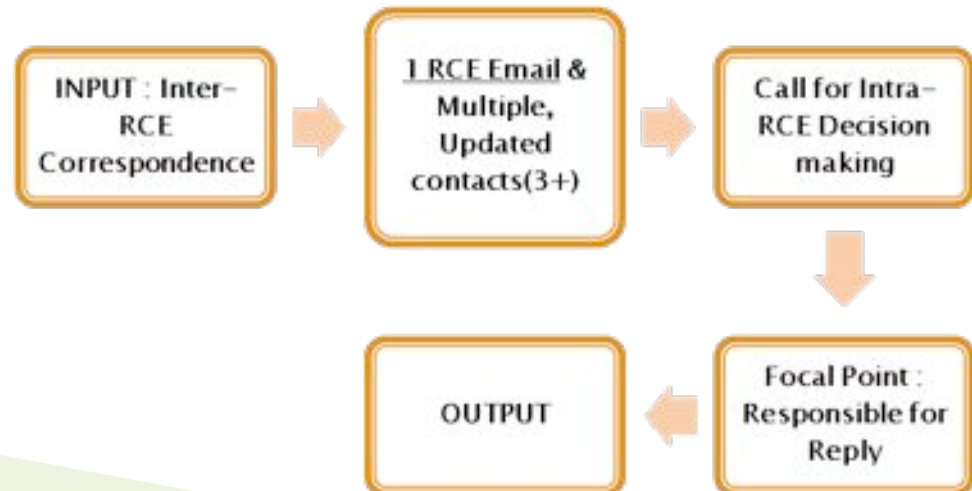
### INTER-RCE COMMUNICATION

#### CHALLENGES

1. “Lost in Translation”
  - ✓ Language diversity
2. “Lost in Transaction”
  - ✓ Time Limitation
  - ✓ Technical Problems
  - ✓ Diverse Interests

#### SOLUTIONS

- ✓ Good intra-RCE communication system
- ✓ Pre-conference online discussion(sub-regional, thematic groups)





# Thematic Group : YOUTH

- ▶ On-going projects
  - Youth Sustainability Leadership Training(Penang)
  - ESD volunteer tour program(HyogoKobe)
  - Bridge to the World2009(Tongyeong)
  - YUVA(Youth Unite for Volunteer Action)(Delhi)

## Joint Project 1. YUVA2010

- 3-5 Feb. 2010, Delhi, India
- Asia Pacific Youth Meeting
  - Proposals : RCE Youth platform, Youth Clean Plate Competition

## Joint Project 2. Youth Photo Exhibition

- "Young Faces of the Asia Pacific"
- Postponed due to low level of participation
- New time plan aiming for AP Conditnental Meeting November 2010





# Thematic Group : Biodiversity

## ► On-going projects

- RCE Trang : Biodiversity Conservation
- RCE Kodagu : Sacred Groves Conservation and Promotion
- RCE Guwahati : Curriculum Development for Tiger Conservation
- RCE Lucknow : Dudhawa Biodiversity Conservation
- RCE Chubu : CBD COP10Cyber dialogue
- RCE Kyrgyzstan : Curriculum Development for biodiversity

### Joint Project 1. Cyber Dialogue CBD COP10

- Ning site set up for the cyber dialogue and information sharing
- <http://biodiversity-cop10.ning.com>

### Joint Project 2. ESD Case studies on Biodiversity

- Format for case studies ready
- Plan to invite inputs from AP RCEs and accumulate into a booklet

### Joint Project 3. Poster Exhibition

- Subject to further discussion

# Thematic Group : Schools

## Joint Project 1. RCE Bulletin Schools Edition

- Invitation for inputs circulated by RCE Service Center
- Postponed/Cancelled due to lack of adequate amount of inputs
- New proposal before Nov, 2010 ?

## Joint Project 2. 'ESD Stories from Schools'

- E-Documentation of ESD case studies proposed by RCE Beijing
- New time plan until Nov.2010 meeting

## Joint Project3. AP ESD Material Resource Inventory on Schools

- Proposed by RCE Delhi
- First draft of format will be circulated by RCE Delhi by \_\_\_\_\_



# Thematic Group : Community

- ▶ On-going projects
  - **RCE Yogyakarta** Self Sufficient Energy villages, Community based Disaster Preparedness and Management, Community based Ecotourism
  - **RCE East Kalimantan** Green Schools
  - **RCE Incheon** Planting Trees in Mongolia

## Joint Project 1. Website Development

- New time plan for AP Continental meeting Nov.2010

## Joint Project 2. Student Exchange on Community Services

- Subject to further discussion due to resource restraints



# Reorganization of The Asia-Pacific Coordination Committee

## ► Current members:

- Kiran(CEE), Reita(Chubu), Won(Tongyeong), Zainal(Penang), Eko (Yogyakarta), Watcharee (Trang), Kalachuchi (Cebu)

## ► Issues

- Should we include facilitators of thematic groups?
- Should we allocate specific operational roles(e.g., reporting, encouraging new RCEs)?
- Should we set a time-span as the term of committee?



# The next AP Continental Meeting

- ▶ Criteria for deciding annual meeting venue
  - Diversity of location
  - Preparedness of the hosting RCE
- ▶ 2010 Continental Conference of the Asia Pacific RCEs
  - November 2010
  - Hosted by RCE Yogyakarta, Indonesia



# Progress and future challenges

- ▶ Expansion of AP Community and growing enthusiasm in Asia Pacific networking
  - Offers to host AP meeting
- ▶ Visible outcomes from joint thematic initiatives after 2 years of thematic networking since 2008
  - Discussions for RCE Youth network and youth participation at international meetings
- ▶ Moving on to more strategic considerations in organizing the continental platform
- ▶ “Sejahtra Project” : Continued discussion on the overarching philosophy of sustainability in Asian context

