

# ESD in the Americas

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# Overview

- RCEs in the Americas
- ESD activities
- Role of networking for ESD
- Opportunities for Further Participation

# 12 RCEs in the Americas (as of March, 2010)

- RCE Chaco (Argentina, March 2010)
- RCE Curitiba-Parana (Brazil, January 2007)
- RCE B.C. North Cascade (Canada, Dec. 2009)
- RCE Montreal (Canada, August 2007)
- RCE Saskatchewan (Canada, January 2007)
- RCE Greater Sudbury (Canada, January 2007)
- RCE Toronto (Canada, June 2005)
- RCE Bogota (Columbia, September 2009)
- RCE Guatemala (Guatemala, September 2009)
- RCE Western Jalisco (Mexico, August 2007)
- RCE Grand Rapids (USA, January 2007)
- RCE North Texas (USA, August 2007)

# ESD Activities in the Americas

- Involvement of different levels of government (national, state/provincial, municipal) in bio-regional activities for ESD
- Inter-institutional collaboration in higher education
- Showcasing and recognition of local ESD projects
- Involvement in organizational strategic planning
- Research through RCE flagship projects

# Role for Networking for ESD in the Americas

- Geographic distance and the role for technology
- Linguistic diversity (English, French, Indigenous Languages, Portuguese, and Spanish) and cultural diversity
- Political divides (e.g. urban/rural) and diverse jurisdictional responsibilities
- Differences in established and emerging economies
- Resource economies challenging biodiversity of ecosystems

# Opportunities for Further Participation

- Geographic gaps (and opportunities!)
- Vibrant existing ESD networks
- Role for trans-Americas organizational involvement
- Bridging formal, informal, and non-formal  
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