

Continental Meeting of the Americas

Report to the 5th International RCE Conference

May 19, 2010

Meeting Participants

- In Curitiba:
 - RCE Bogota (Columbia)
 - RCE Curitiba-Parana (Brazil) and Youth!
 - RCE Guatemala (Guatemala)
 - RCE Sao Paulo (Brazil)
 - RCE Saskatchewan (Canada)
 - RCE Western Jalisco (Mexico)
 - RCE Service Centre
- By Video Conference (with assistance of Environment Canada and local planning committee):
 - RCE British Columbia (Canada)
 - RCE Greater Sudbury (Canada)
 - RCE Montreal (Canada)

Meeting Outcomes

- Each RCE to develop a vision of “what RCE means for us”
 - Develop key messages for public awareness about RCEs
 - Develop a profile for RCEs in the Americas
- Ensure key RCE ESD projects in the Americas are documented and mapped
 - Enables specific networking opportunities
 - RCE Saskatchewan to work with UN University

Meeting Outcomes

- RCE documentation of current methods used for public education and public participation
- Develop opportunities for sharing/exchange between RCEs in the Americas of:
 - Resources (e.g., RCE Montreal and urban biokits; DVDs from RCE Conferences; climate change educational resources; best practices on ESD)
 - Student and professor exchanges (e.g., masters and doctoral students in sustainable development programs; faculty and expertise)

Meeting Outcomes

- Increase capacity for youth RCE participation at the continental level
 - opportunities for participation by youth in RCE meetings and projects along with youth input and leadership
 - RCE youth to be identified in each RCE to create an RCE youth structure for the Americas

Logistical Issues

- Need for assistance with follow-up from 5th International RCE Conference
 - Value of regular conference calls of Americas Coordinating Group following meeting
 - Future video conference of RCEs in the Americas(?)
- Need to develop meeting process allowing full participation of RCEs from various language groups
 - Role for stages in meetings and document development that allow discussion within distinct languages groups