

## 13<sup>th</sup> African Regional Meeting

### *Fostering Pan-African Collaboration for Just Futures*

17<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 11:00-13:30 (SAST\*) [Online]  
Hosted by RCE's Makana, Lesotho, eSwatini and KwaZulu-Natal

\*South African Standard Time

Time (SAST)	Activity	Presenter
<b>Session 1: How is ESD supporting collaboration for Just Futures</b>		
<b>11:00- 11:10</b>	Welcome Remarks and Introduction  Opening Remarks	Representative from the host RCEs (TBD)  Dr Jonghwi Park (Head of Innovation and Education Programme, UNU-IAS)
<b>11:10- 11:20</b>	ESD Today – Youth activism and Handprints	Stefan Rostock
<b>11:20- 11:30</b>	Congratulatory Remarks	Mr Keisuke Midori (Section Chief, Ministry's Secretariat, Office of Environmental Education, Ministry of the Environment of Japan)
<b>11:30- 11:40</b>	Youth led South/North Partnerships for Sustainable Futures	Ayanda Lepheana
<b>11:40- 11:50</b>	<i>Citizen Science and community mobilization -</i>	Prof Tsepo Mokuku
<b>11:50- 12:00</b>	<i>Updates from Global RCE Service Centre</i>	Miki Konishi, (Programme, Coordinator, UNU-IAS)
<b>12:00- 12:10</b>	<i>Collaboration through the Global Environmental Programme (GEEP) - Africa Hub strategic plan 2023</i>	Prof. MJ Ketlhoilwe
<b>12:10-12:20</b>	ESD – Just transitioning for sustainable futures	Prof Heila Lotz-Sistka
<b>12:20- 12:30</b>	Panelist Responses	Prof. Rob O'Donoghue, DAKpezi Obuigwe and Belusile Mhlanga
<b>12:30- 12:35</b>	Break	
<b>Session 2: Africa RCE update and collaborative topics</b>		
<b>12:35- 13:20 (Hybrid)</b>	Africa & International RCE Roundup Video message from African RCEs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are we and what is our key focus?</li> <li>• What is our creative innovation?</li> <li>• How we plan to collaborate with</li> </ul>	

	other RCE's? Thematic collaborations Miro board collaborations	
<b>13:20- 13:30</b>	Concluding Remarks with emphasis on collaborative work and way forward	Dr. Jim Taylor and Preven Chetty

### **Background:**

Today, humanity is struggling to find ways of living that are not dependent on fossil fuels. The cultural landscapes of Africa and indigenous practices of those times hold many keys to sustainable living. Citizens and scientists are seeking the wisdom of the past so that it may be linked to the wisdom of the present with the goal of more sustainable futures we so urgently need.

The 13<sup>th</sup> RCE African Regional Meeting has a *just transitions* focus. Themes include Water, Indigenous Heritage, Citizen Science and Handprint CARE. Handprint CARE is about *learning to look after others, to best care for each other and to explore change projects to improve the surroundings that we all share*. The quest is to enable the *just transitions* the world urgently needs..

### **Meeting's Focus: RCE's Collaborating for Just Futures through:**

- Youth to Youth Community Activism
- Citizen Science
- Fund Raising
- HandPrints for Sustainability

### **Priorities with SDG Linkages: Equity, Work for the Common-good, Technology Transfer, Heritage and Indigenous Knowledge**

- Climate Action (SDG 13)
- Water (SDG 6)
- Biodiversity (SDG 15)
- Waste Minimization (SDG 11&12)
- Pollution (SDG 11 & 12)

### **Session 2 (Breakout Session) :**

All attending are urged to identify a working group, or groups, to which they may affiliate. An interim chair-person (coordinator) will then be elected. Miro board will be used collaboratively during and after the meeting. The link of Miro board and the zoom link will be shared after registration is closed. Other ideas will be added as they come up during the meeting.

- 1) Citizen Science and community mobilization
- 2) HandPrints for Sustainability
- 3) Indigenous Heritage Practices
- 4) Fund Raising
- 5) ..... (TBD).
- 6) ..... (TBD)

*The entire event will be recorded and livestreamed directly to Youtube and the Miro board and Zoom link will be open for ongoing collaborations to facilitate questions and answers during and after the meeting*