



# THE SECOND RCE's FROM THE AMERICAS MEETING

28 FEBRUARY – 2 MARCH

Lima – Peru, 2013

Addressing

**Sustainability Issues in the Americas**

**ESD Best Practices**

**Advising the UNESCO World Conference on ESD (2014)**

## AN INVITATION

**RCE Lima-Callao** (Peru), in close collaboration with United Nations University Institute of Advance Studies, the UNESCO Chair at York University (Canada) as Regional Coordinator for RCEs in the Americas, Ministry of Education, Callao Regional Government, Lima City Council, Peruvian Environmental Network, l' Association pour la Pensée Complexe (APC - France), The Complexus Corporation (Colombia), the National Assembly of Rectors (ANR – Peru), and the Ricardo Palma University<sup>nd</sup> thru the Complex Thought Institute Edgar Morin (IPCEM- Peru) and others, **invite you and your RCE members to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RCE's of the Americas Meeting, Lima, Peru, February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.**

Following on from the successful first RCEs of the Americas Meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, and other regional meetings of RCEs in Europe and Asia, the **RCE Lima-Callao** in cooperation with the above mentioned institutions will host the second RCEs of the Americas Meeting. The meeting will address a number of crucial issues facing both the RCEs and more importantly **the issues facing the regions they serve.**

The concept of Regional Centres of Expertise in ESD which was conceived by the United Nations University as a contribution to the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development is proving to **be a valuable asset to the communities they serve.** Since its inception, more than 100 RCEs have been created worldwide. This year over twenty more applications will be considered to join our global network.

Much has been achieved and learned in the RCEs including the need for collaboration, networking and professional development. These needs are being facilitated by efficient and low-cost means such as Skype and email exchanges. However the **need for face-to-face meetings** every few years is extremely important.

In addition, in light of the UNESCO World Conference on ESD which will take place in Aichi-Nagoya in 2014 where member states, through their ministries of education will share reports and decide upon the ongoing international follow-on ESD framework it is important that our RCEs have a concerted message and sound advice for our governments. Hence as part of the proposed draft agenda we plan to examine what lessons we have learned and **to create a strategic plan of ESD growth throughout our RCEs** for the 2015-2025 periods.

Beyond implementing this strategic plan within our own communities, there are **three opportunities** to use this plan on the international scene. The **first** is a special global RCE meeting which will take place in Okayama, Japan just prior to the 2014 UNESCO World Conference. Here the messages of the RCEs of the America's will be shared and enhanced with the messages of other RCEs. **Secondly** there will be the UNESCO World Conference with a procedure to receive our various suggestions prior to the actual meeting. **Thirdly**, the UNESCO World Conference will be followed immediately by a meeting of the UNESCO International Network of Teacher Education Institutions (IN) which will also be a recipient of our RCE messages. As all of our RCE countries are also part of the IN there is a great potential for collaboration and synergy.

For these reasons, from February the 28<sup>th</sup> to March the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 in Lima, Peru, ESD and other community **experts of many countries** and sectors will share their knowledge, skills and desire for **addressing the economic, environmental and social problems of our regions.**

## OBJETIVES

To assess our ESD achievements.

To identify ESD good practices in Las Americas. To collect and share lessons learned.

To visualize and strategize on an ESD common future further beyond 2014.

To promote the RCE movement in Peru and The Americas as a way to promote positive sustainability changes through collaboration with all aspects of civil society, government agencies and the private sector.

## OUTCOME

To develop a 2015-2020, five year, ESD plan for the Americas that will be forwarded to the UNESCO World Conference and other appropriate recipients such as our respective Local and National Governments.

## LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE

English simultaneous translation to Spanish.

## HOST

RCE Lima-Callao center on ESD which is coordinated by the Institute of Complex thought "Edgar Morin" - IPCEM of the Ricardo Palma University - URP

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## PLEASE PLAN TO HAVE ALL OUR RCES OF THE AMERICAS REPRESENTED

**Note:** To facilitate your attendance we are scheduling some of the program over the weekend to reduce airfare costs and out-of-office time. However, by discussing and collaborating with your peers and invited experts, these few days at the meeting may become some of your most valuable working hours enhancing your contributions to your community for years to come.

Also this may be a wonderful opportunity to bring other RCE colleagues along.

Sincerely,



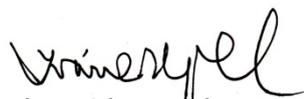
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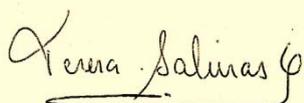
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