

Centro RCE LIMA-CALLAO

Centro Regional de Competencias en Educación para el Desarrollo Sostenible (RCE Lima-Callao, por sus siglas en inglés) reconocido por la Universidad de las Naciones Unidas e incluido como parte del movimiento mundial de RCE's.

Este centro RCE Lima-Callao fue acreditado como tal por la Universidad de las Naciones Unidas –UNU en Diciembre del 2010. La visión del centro RCE Lima-Callao es ser reconocido por la promoción de las mejores prácticas de Educación para el Desarrollo Sostenible (EDS) relacionados con los requerimientos de Lima Metropolitana y la Región Callao (ahora abarca todo el territorio nacional). Este centro articula los esfuerzos de las organizaciones públicas, privadas y los ciudadanos en general; para contribuir a superar la pobreza y la exclusión social. Está comprometido con la defensa de la vida y la preservación del medio ambiente (Objetivos del Desarrollo Sostenible –SDG de ONU y el Plan de Acción Global –GAP de UNESCO). La inauguración del RCE Lima-Callao se realizó en junio 2011 con el “I Encuentro Internacional sobre Educación para el Desarrollo Sostenible” y el evento de jóvenes “Yo sostenible”. Por favor visitar: www.rcelimacallao.org

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Dear Ms. Teresa Gamero,

On behalf of the Global RCE Service Centre in the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), I extend heartfelt congratulations to all stakeholders of the newly acknowledged Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Lima-Callao. The acknowledgement is definitely well-deserving, and I take great pride in welcoming the new RCE to the global RCE community. This is the first acknowledged RCE in the Republic of Peru.

In 2002, at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, it was proposed to declare the decade spanning over the period 2005-2014 as the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD). In the same year, the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution declaring 2005-2014 as the UNDESD. The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation for UNDESD was then approved and Governments of UN Member States including the Republic of Peru were asked to consider measures to implement Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in their educational strategies and action plans.

ESD seeks to empower people of all ages to assume responsibility for creating a sustainable future. The four major thrusts of ESD as identified in Chapter 36 of Agenda 21 are public awareness and understanding, access to quality basic education, reorienting existing education, and training programmes for all sectors.

The United Nations University's response to the UNDESD is manifested through the establishment of the ESD Programme in 2003 within the UNU-IAS. The major components of the programme are advocacy and dissemination of ESD and DESD principles, promotion of regional or local approaches through RCEs, strengthening of ESD activities of higher education institutions, and training teachers and trainers on ESD.

A flagship component of the programme is the RCE movement. There are currently 85 RCEs worldwide, seven of them are located in the Latin-American region, and the number is growing but still challenging. RCE Lima-Callao is among recent addition to the RCE showing in the regional context. The tasks ahead for RCE Lima-Callao will be to strongly engage its stakeholders to work together to plan, deliberate, execute and deliver ESD in the region or locality in which it is situated. The RCE is also expected to participate in meetings, conferences and collaborative projects in education and research at the continental and global RCE levels.

In conclusion, once again, let me convey our most heartfelt congratulations to the stakeholders of RCE Lima-Callao, and we at UNU-IAS through the Global RCE Service Centre, look forward to working with the stakeholders of RCE Lima-Callao now and in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Ms. Teresa Salinas Gamero,

Re: RCE Application – Lima-Callao

On behalf of the Ubuntu Committee of Peers for the RCEs (Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development) (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”), I am pleased to inform you that the Committee held its fifth meeting in Barcelona, Spain on 23 November 2010 and considered 24 applications from all over the world for formal acknowledgement. The Committee recommended the United Nations University (UNU) to acknowledge 8 new RCEs, including RCE Lima-Callao.

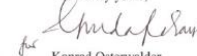
I am honored to officially inform you that the UNU acknowledges RCE Lima-Callao based on the Committee's recommendation. I am also pleased to inform that the Committee would like to encourage RCE Lima-Callao to work on the specific suggestion mentioned below:

- To clarify the roles and partners that will form the steering committee and its subcommittees.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could take positive steps to fulfill the Committee's suggestion.

I look forward to working with you closely for further development of RCE Lima-Callao and the promotion of education for sustainable development.

Sincerely yours,



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