

# RCES AND BIODIVERSITY:

LOCAL SOLUTIONS LINKING EDUCATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

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8 October 2012, 13:15-14:45

**VENUE:** Room G.01 Ground level

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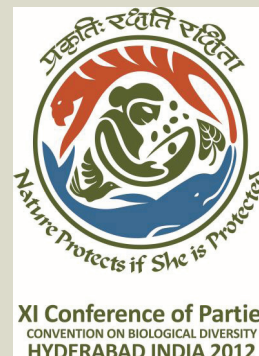
Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD (RCEs)

## OVERVIEW

Bio-cultural diversity has emerged as an important component of education for sustainable development (ESD). ESD principles like value orientation, transformative education, cooperation, problem solving, participatory action, holistic perspectives and self-organization are integral for conserving, revitalizing and sustainably using biological and cultural resources. At the same time, looking at bio-cultural diversity through the prism of learning offers a perspective that mutually reinforces strategies of both areas.

This side event highlights cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder partnerships, good practices and pilot models that successfully engage communities in the sustainable use or conservation of local bio-cultural diversity. A multiplicity of contextualized development strategies through educational interventions make the RCE network a unique place for showcasing how local stakeholders can synergize actions under a common umbrella for collective action towards bio-cultural diversity. The network also portrays the relevance of a local-global space for concerted action and understanding of bio-cultural diversity beyond localized geographical boundaries.

To date, UNU has acknowledged 101 RCEs globally. More than 50 RCEs are working on bio-cultural diversity. Case studies from various continents demonstrate the relevance of RCE projects especially within the broader mandates of effective implementation and awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Five case studies from various Asia-Pacific RCEs will be presented at the side event.



## PROGRAMME AGENDA

1. Opening remarks  
- Kazuhiko Takemoto  
(ESD Program Director, UNU-IAS)
2. Introduction to RCE case studies  
- Unnikrishnan Payyappallimana  
(UNU-IAS)
3. RCE presentations  
  
RCE Cha-am, Thailand  
- Sonjai Havanond  
  
RCE Chandigarh, India  
- Ravleen Singh  
  
RCE Chubu, Japan  
- Kinhide Mushakoji  
  
RCE Greater Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
- Lalita Siri wattananon  
  
RCE Srinagar, India  
- Abdhesh Gangwar
4. Panel discussion  
(Chair - Kazuhiko Takemoto)
5. Q & A

Light lunch will be served

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