Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

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Abstract- In response to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD 2005-2014), the United Nations University (UNU), collaborates with UNESCO, the lead UN agency for the UNDESD Implementation, and other UN agencies and international organizations, in spearheading the promotion and development of Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) worldwide. An RCE is a network of existing formal, non-formal and informal education organizations, mobilized to deliver ESD to local and regional communities. An RCE builds an innovative platform for multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary information-sharing, dialogue and collaboration for promoting ESD among regional/local stakeholders, including joint efforts by stakeholders in working for transformative education and research on ESD in all levels of education and knowledge creation. This paper provides an overview of sustainability, highlights the concept of RCE as a new form of networking, and provides examples of good practices of RCEs in tackling ESD issues.

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