

ANNUAL REPORTING

RCE CEBU

(FILLED OUT BY THE RCE COORDINATOR)

Value-added, results and achievements

1. How do you describe the state of vitality of your RCE?

Still at partnership-building stage ... still needing more energy and synergy..

2. As result of development of RCE and its actions what kind of capacity was built by whom, with whom and for whom? Please explain and give examples.

Expanded partnerships have been forged by RCE-Cebu with a) advocacy groups (Save Tanon Strait Convergence Group) and Integrated Bar of the Philippines Cebu Chapter for Environmental Law Training and b) Visayan Migration-related organizations in preparation for national and international consultation on migration and development in October.

Internally, RCE-Cebu learning from partners sharing their expertise on research (academe led by Fr. Ted Murnane, Vice-President of RCE_Cebu) resource inventory and mapping (Southwestern University led by Mr. Hubert Zanolria), networking and water resource management (Civil society groups like Cebu Uniting for Sustainable Water and Water Resource Center), among others.

3. What role has your RCE played in bringing together individuals and institutions into regional ESD activities and to what effect?

Not much effect yet with the ongoing role of linking and forging internal and external partnerships through sponsorship of ESD-related lectures and activities

4. Since the beginning of operation your RCE was working towards objectives jointly outlined by RCE stakeholders,

a) how far did you advance towards these objectives;

Still so close to where we started, still forging partnerships and planning for activities and projects

b) how would you demonstrate these achievements? (For instance, if your RCE has measurable milestones, please explain how your activities match against your initial goals.)

- Conduct of lectures and trainings
- Technical assistance for local government officials/units
- Ongoing compilation of data for ESD-related ICE materials (information, Communication and Education)
- Continuing Dialogue and joint activities with partners

c) If planned activities have not yet happened, could you please explain why, and what measures you took/are taking to overcome the obstacles.

- Still in organizational phase, strengthening multisectoral partnerships

- More focused leadership required
- Effective collaboration needed
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities
- Unclear road map for RCE-Cebu partners and as a whole organization

Measures:

- Encouraging more involvement in specific but coordinated issues and activities
- Decentralization of leadership
- Expanded membership and project planning and implementation
- Better communication /coordination system
- Active implementation of plans and projects
- Better Resource mobilization and allocation

5. *What is the value-added of your RCE? What is its contribution to the partners inside and outside the region?*

The partners are able to exchange and share and contribute their expertise with partners in Cebu. More efforts have to be done, though, to make RCE more visible and effective within and outside region. More collaborative action have to be done. Individually, the partners are proceeding with their own organizational agenda and contribution.

6. *Could your RCE activity be described as innovative in the context of region? If so why? If not why?*

The multisectoral linkage and effort to combine time, attention and expertise to make the APFED Forest Project is innovative, although not without challenges. There have been, however, past and present initiatives to bring multisectoral partners in collaborative efforts for specific, not combined/holistic issues like the ESD agenda of RCE though.

7. *Are the results and outcomes of researches, projects, etc. of your RCE made public in any form? Where appropriate, give references.*

- Through the use of advertisement;*
- Through the use of the mass media;*
- Through the use of internet;*
- Through the use of schools;*
- Through the use of governmental institutions;*
- Other (please specify):*

Through continuing, expanding linkages with new partners

8. *Do you believe that the RCE has met so far the overall expectations of the stakeholders? Please briefly explain.*

Sadly not yet. For the obstacles mentioned above, there is still so much to be done within RCE and vis-à-vis other partners, local and global.

Organisation and governance

9. *How is the organisation of your RCE currently set up (teams, etc.)?*

General Assembly and Core group members and elected set of officers

10. What are governance principles of your RCE?

Core group at the moment is the major governing body . The elected set of officers serve as the administrative arm. With limited collaborative activities and just one flagship project, RCE-Cebu still struggling to define its governance style.

11. Please explain how (if) the management structure and governance principles have changed since inception.

At the start, the election of a set of officers created for the formal registration of RCE-Cebu was not anticipated. The flagship project presented challenges for leadership, coordination, and collaboration for planning, research and other project requirements. Funding decision and allocation remains an open issue needing clearer guidelines and collaborative decision. More activities involving the more numerous partners outside the core group and the officers have to be planned and pursued to allow for more involvement and commitment to ESD.

12. How effective are the current management and governance structures in fulfilling the objectives and challenges?

Not at all effective yet.

Current issues and projects

13. What issues is your RCE currently working on? Why and how have you chosen these specific issues?

Issues	Explanation/Reason (Why and How?)
1. Forest Conservation	Proposed by a partner and accepted by core group as primary focus for first funding proposal. Strategic role of forests for climate change and biodiversity considered as well.
2. Save Tanon Strait	Threat to dolphins and marine resources as well as lack of consultation of stakeholders by Philippine national and local government officials and foreign oil exploration company called attention to issues affecting sustainable governance and environment. Convergence of groups, academe, lawyers, peoples' organizations, media continues to make issue visible publicly and globally.
3. Sectoral Involvement for ESD	Need to balance attention and commitment for flagship project with ESD- related projects intended for youth, women, business, media, migrants, and other groups locally and globally.

14. Has the focus of your RCE shifted between time of mobilisation/launching and now? If yes, how?

Not really since during the launching, a broad spectrum of issues and partnership was present.

15. How do you address these selected issues listed above (i.e. publishing journals/newsletters, provision of educational programme)?

- Through Local and global partnership communication and dialogue
- Meetings , Seminars, and Workshops
- Field Exposure
- Media coverage
- Technical assistance and collaboration

16. Briefly explain how (and if) your RCEs has been involved in activities related to:

a) access to quality basic education

inventory of resources, development of ICE materials, networking with key persons in basic, secondary and tertiary levels of education

b) transformative education

through advocacy involvement and exposures

c) training for different sectors of the society

through collaborative sponsorship with partners and serving as resource persons/lecturers, link with local government officials and local government agencies as well

d) awareness about ESD

through lectures/seminars, classroom engagement, media promotion, dialogues and meetings, among others...

e) research and development

Development of a coherence map for collaborative planning, research, implementation , monitoring and evaluation is a paradigm shift that RCE-Cebu partners are now being challenged to do. Research results are also shared and evaluated together. Individual partners are also actively engaged in specific research issues such as waste management and social marketing, water management, community mobilization, women and migration etc.

Please give examples and results for each of the activities.

17. Please list collaborative projects and programs undertaken or planned by more than one RCE partner.

Collaborative Projects	Stage (Planning/on-going)	Partners
1. APFED FOREST PROJECT	Ongoing (planning, research, community mobilization, resource inventory and research)	University of San Carlos, UP Cebu, Southwestern University, CUSW, DENR, NEDA, Camp 7 barangay and youth councils, etc
2. Save Tanon Project	Ongoing	Lawyers, UP Diliman Faculty, University of Cebu and University of San Jose-Recoletos, FIDEC, media, others
3. Migration and Development Consultation	First island consultation just finished. Further national and international consultation in	Freedom from Debt Coalition, CPAG, Center for Migrant Advocacy,

	October 2008.	UNICEF, Olaf-Palme, FES, other peoples' organizations, Philippine Nurses Association-Cebu Chapter, etc
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18. Are there collaborative activities for funding and resource mobilization? Please give examples. None at the moment.

Collaborative Projects	Funding Sources	Stage (Planning/on-going)	Partners
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19. How do you identify partners for the projects and activities?

They either tap us or vice-versa depending on the topic/issue involved.

Links and networking

20. What is the level of interaction among the partners within the RCE and in what form does it happen? Please explain (i.e. frequency and types of meetings, teleconference, etc.).

At the early stage, frequent meetings, 1-2x per month or more. Meetings are still called until now. Internet, phone, and text communication as well as direct consultations also take place.

21. Did the establishment of RCE facilitate the development of connections / partnerships with

a) UN institutions? (Please give examples)

Yes, through Internet communication and participation in UN-sponsored conferences/workshops

b) Other RCEs? (Please give examples)

Yes, Youth representative invited to join RCE-Sendai Youth Conference, internet exchange of news/activities through coordination of UNU-IAS.

c) International experts and expert organizations at the national, regional and global levels? (please give examples)

Yes, directly through conferences and indirectly through internet communication.

d) Others (please specify) _____