

## ***RCE Ogun Report of Activities for the year 2020***

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### **1. Introduction**

Regional Centre of Expertise, Ogun (RCE Ogun) started operation in July 2018 with several impacts on humanity. As at the time of its acknowledgement by the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) with Covenant University as host institution, it was one of the 168 Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) in the world (<http://www.rcenetwork.org/portal/rce-profile-detail/3369>). RCE Ogun's mission is 'to create self-reliant, resilient, inclusive and environmentally friendly communities through formal and informal training, enlightenment programmes and exemplar projects for the sustainable existence of Ogun State'.

### **2. Activities Carried Out in 2020**

In the year 2020, RCE Ogun successfully executed a number of activities. The major ones include the following:

- Official courtesy visit to the Ogun State Government and some other state ministries which include the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Environment.
- Participation at the 10<sup>th</sup> African RCE Regional Virtual Meeting.
- Courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor on the introduction of EMA Smart Kids Programme and Launch of EMA Smart Kids Programme.
- Partnership with Dynamic Talent of Hebron FM on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).
- Partnership with ENACTUS Covenant University
- Conference Participation and Publications
- Awards and achievements.

#### **2.1 Official Courtesy Visit to the Ogun State Government and Ministries**

RCE Ogun made a courtesy visit to the office of the Ogun State Government to enlighten the government about the vision and mission of RCE Ogun. The modalities for attaining our mission

and issues of partnership were discussed. The government pledged support and commitment to the current and future activities of the Centre. Specifically, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is being planned between RCE Ogun and the Ogun State Ministry of Forestry with a focus on scaling up environmental sustainability in the State. Another area for collaboration is the creation of botanical and zoological garden with a view to conserving plants and animals considered to be endangered species. This was made when a team of the ministry paid a fact-finding visit to RCE Ogun Team at Covenant University.



**PHOTO 1a: Cross-Section of Members of RCE Ogun and Ogun State Government Officials**

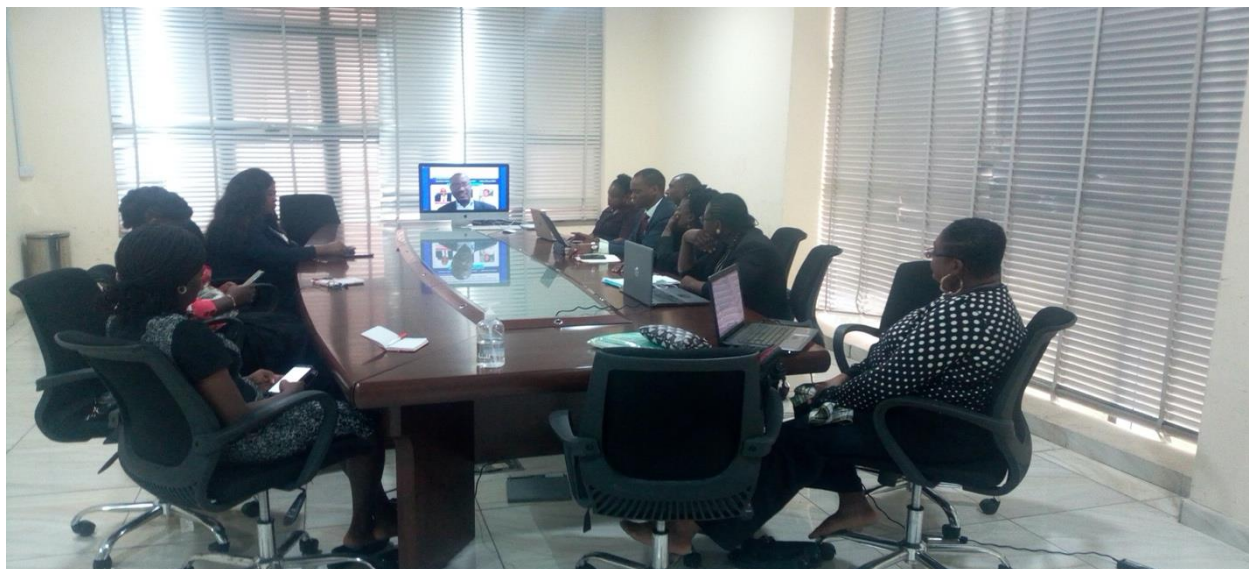


**PHOTO 1b: RCE Ogun Members with Officials from Ogun State Ministry of Forestry**

## **2.2 Participation at the 10<sup>th</sup> African RCE Virtual Conference**

The 10<sup>th</sup> African RCE Conference was hosted by RCE Minna. It was a virtual conference which held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020. It focused on the effect of Community-Based Resilience on COVID-19 Pandemic, the spread of the Virus and education for sustainable development. It was noted that great caution be taken to avoid the spread of the Virus since there can be a multiplier effect of the pandemic at a global scale. Hence, the need to improve the preparedness of stakeholders in managing pandemics in the future.

At the event, RCE Ogun team made a presentation tilted '**Multi-stakeholder Collaborations in Building Community Resilience towards Pandemic Management**', which was well appreciated by the organisers and participants. Apart from the Chair (**Prof. Evans Osabuohien**) & Co-Chair (**Dr. Abiola Babajide**), other members of RCE Ogun who attended the event include: Prof. Chinonye Love Moses, Dr. Omotayo Adegbuyi, Engr Adeyemi Gideon Adewale, Dr. Patience Tunji-Olayeni, Dr. Ngozi Adeleye, Aderonke Asaolu, Caroline Adanna Adeboye, Dr. Afolasade Oluwatobi, Dr. Felicia Olokoyo, Ademola Andrew Onabote, Afokoghene Rowland Okoro, Niyi Olagunju, Doris Marian Akinpelumi (Centre Officer). More details are online at RCE Ogun's website at <https://rceogun.covenantuniversity.edu.ng/rce-oguns-2nd-participation-at-the-10th-african-regional-rce-conference/>.



**PHOTO 2: Cross-Section of Members of RCE Ogun at the 10<sup>th</sup> African RCE Regional Virtual Conference**

### **2.3 Courtesy Call to the Vice-Chancellor and the Introduction of EMA Smart Kids Programme**

RCE Ogun Chair (Prof. Evans Osabuohien), Co-Chair (Dr. Abiola Babajide), Centre Officer (Mrs Doris Akinpelumi) paid a courtesy visit to the Acting Vice Chancellor (Prof. Akan Williams), on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, to intimate the University Management of the EMA Smart Kids programme. RCE Ogun secured the goodwill of the University as the Acting Vice Chancellor pledged support for the programme and appreciated the team for the good work.





**PHOTO 3: Cross-Section of Members of RCE Ogun & the Acting VC of Covenant University**

## **2.4 Commencement of EMA Smart Kids Programme**

EMA SMART KIDS Programme is an initiative of RCE Ogun which uses innovative, exciting and sustainable teaching methods to enhance students understanding of Mathematics and English, thereby significantly reducing the rate of failure. The programme also includes career guidance and counselling session where students are equipped with the necessary knowledge required in selecting a career of their choice in the future. To reach a wider group of students the programme is aired on Hebron 95.9 FM every Saturday from 2.00pm to 3pm. More information is available on RCE Ogun website at <https://rceogun.covenantuniversity.edu.ng/upcoming-event-ema-smart-kids-project/>.



**PHOTO 4: Cross-Section of Members of RCE Ogun with the Participating Students & Accompanying Teacher**



## **2.5 Partnership with Hebron FM Dynamic Talent on Education for Sustainable Development**

RCE Ogun partnered with Hebron FM 95.9 on its Dynamic Talent program for young minds. The programme teaches children the various aspects of the sustainable development goals and how they can contribute to the sustainability agenda at their level.



**PHOTO 5: Some members of RCE Ogun & kids at the Hebron FM Dynamic Talent Programme**

## **2.6 RCE Ogun in Partnership ENACTUS Covenant University**

RCE Ogun was in partnership with ENACTUS Covenant University during the COVID-19 pandemic to create awareness, and to enlighten members of Covenant University community on curtailing the spread of the virus. The partnership also included the distribution of food palliative to school children as well as provision of sanitisers and face masks at Ota Police Station.



**PHOTO 6a: RCE Ogun Food Palliative Distribution for School Children with Enactus**



**PHOTO 6b: RCE Ogun Provision of Sanitisers & Face Masks at Police Station with Enactus**

## **2.7 Conference Participation and Publications**

RCE Ogun members participated in two international virtual conferences held in Covenant University where they presented three research papers. The papers are being processed for publication in the IOP conference proceedings indexed in the Scopus database. Furthermore, the papers addressed several areas of the sustainable developing goals (SDGs) including no poverty



(Goal 1), quality education (Goal 4), decent work and economic growth (Goal 8), industry, innovation and infrastructure (Goal 9), responsible consumption and production (Goal 12), and climate action (Goal 13).

The highlights of the papers are provided herein:

- i. Tunji-Olayeni, PF., Osabuohien, ES., Oluwatobi, SO., Babajide, AA., Adeleye, BN and Agboola, MG(2020). Climate Change Mitigation Strategies: A Case of Manufacturing Companies in Ota, Nigeria, presented at the International Conference on Science and Sustainable Development (ICSSD), held at Covenant University, Ota.
- ii. Tunji-Olayeni, PF., Adegboye, F., Oluwatobi, A., Adeyemi, G., Olagunju, O., Okoro, A and Osabuohien, ES (2020). Accelerating progress on the sustainable development goals: Assessing secondary school students' knowledge of climate change actions, presented at the International Conference on Energy and Sustainable Environment (ICESE) held at Covenant University, Ota.
- iii. Tunji-Olayeni, PF., Osabuohien, ES., Yabkwa, I and Ademola, A (2020). Youth Employment Creation as an Inclusive Solution for Sustainable Development: Lessons from the 'Double You Digital Skills Initiative' in Nigeria, presented at the International Conference on Energy and Sustainable Environment (ICESE) held at Covenant University, Ota.

## 2.8 Awards and Achievements

RCE Ogun was given a recognition award of honourable mention by the Global RCE Network based in Tokyo Japan. The award was in recognition of the Centre to the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goal 4: Quality Education. The award was in recognition of the impact of RCE Ogun's EMA Smart Kids Programme with the motto of 'Fostering Functional Education for Sustainable Living'.



### 3.0 Upcoming Events

The Annual Climate Change and Biodiversity Workshop which was postponed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and National Lockdown is slated to take place first quarter of 2021.

#### Members of the RCE Ogun Team for the Year 2020

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| 1. Evans Osabuohien       | Pioneer Chair (2018-2020)              |
| 2. Abiola Babajide        | Co-Chair (2019-2020)                   |
| 3. Patience Tunji-Olayeni | Member and Pioneer Co-Chair (2018)     |
| 4. Stephen Oluwatobi      | Founding Member                        |
| 5. Omotayo Adegbuyi       | Founding Member                        |
| 6. Mayoowa Agboola        | Founding Member                        |
| 7. Deborah Motilewa       | Founding Member                        |
| 8. Gideon Adeyemi         | Founding Member                        |
| 9. Okoro Afokoghene       | Member (Secretary)                     |
| 10. Doris Akinpelumi      | Centre Officer (February-October 2020) |

11. Fehintola M. Oyebola	Centre Officer (December 2020)
12. Ademola Onabote	Member
13. Felicia Olokoyo	Member
14. Omoniyi Olagunju	Member
15. Afolasade Oluwatobi	Member
16. Folasade Adegboye	Member
17. Ngozi Adeleye	Member
18. Chinoye Love Moses	Member
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