

August 2, 2006

Charles Hopkins
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Dear Professor Hopkins:

Re. Proposal to Establish a Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan, Canada (SK RCE on ESD)

It is with great pleasure that I submit the final version of the proposal to the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies to establish the SK RCE on ESD. You will find enclosed both the hard copy of the proposal along with letters of support. In addition, I am forwarding to you by e-mail electronic copies of the proposal, cover letter, and letters of support. All of these documents can also be found at the following Internet address:

<http://142.3.35.101/RCE/>

As you are aware, the proposal was developed with the insights, creativity, experience, and enthusiasm of a large number of individuals and organizations engaged in Education for Sustainable Development in our region. Your visits to Saskatchewan and ongoing guidance over the past year and a half have been invaluable. We must similarly credit the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies for designing the RCE initiative to be sufficiently flexible and comprehensive in scope to allow broad participation by organizations and individuals with a wide diversity of interests in ESD. At the same time, it is focused enough to allow us to develop a proposed RCE structure tailored to both our regional needs for research in ESD along with the communication and networking needs we have identified, both regionally and, we envision, at a global level with other RCEs.

Please forward our proposal to the appropriate individuals in the UNU-IAS for their consideration. Also feel free to share it with others if you see it as helpful in advancing the RCE initiative and the U.N. Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

The process of developing this proposal has been extremely educational and useful to all of us. The possibility of becoming part of an international network of RCEs is exciting and would compliment many of our regional initiatives in ESD. We look forward to hearing the results of the review of our SK RCE proposal. I may be contacted at the given address, by telephone at 306-585-5295, or by e-mail at roger.petry@uregina.ca.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit this RCE proposal. It has been a pleasure working with you in advancing this ESD initiative.

Sincerely,

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SK RCE on ESD Proposal

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