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Dear All,

We are pleased to invite you to the 12th World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC) <u>www.weec2024.org</u>, an international meeting platform which brings together like-minded individuals playing a significant role in environmental education.

It is our great privilege to host the 12th WEEC in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from January 29 - February 2, 2024, with the theme "*Connecting People, Creating Tomorrow*".

The event, co-organised by the WEEC Network Permanent Secretariat and Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, will be held under the patronage of *H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan*, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafrah Region and Chairman of the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi.

The WEEC congresses are the most important events in the field of environmental and sustainability education and are essential for connecting all actors at the international level in the field of environment and sustainability education. Since 2003, the WEEC Network has organized 11 world congresses. Each of them has seen the participation of thousands of people from over a hundred different countries including university professors, practitioners, students, active young people, government officials, international organizations, businesses, NGOs, and others.

Given the importance of bringing the themes of environmental education to youth circles as well and given the great awareness-raising activity carried out by young people, we have introduced the Youth Congress which has become an integral part of the WEEC since the 2019 edition.

The Youth Congress is a unique event driven by young people who are changing the world by being active within civic and environmental challenges and promoting the enhancement of their education and steps for a long-term future.















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Bringing together active youths from around the world to inspire and support one another while experiencing an engaging 5-day programme. Together they will deliver a message on youth needs and environmental education with leading world educators and key advocates in environmental education.

The event will consist of interactive workshops, seminars, environmental educational trips, visits to local organisations and sites, round table discussions, team building activities, and presentations delivered by key speakers taking part at WEEC2024.

Since you are among the most active at a national international level in terms of involving young people in the topic of environmental education, the participation of your delegation will be an added value to the Congress. Your delegation could contribute to the congress by presenting your activities and also participate in the drafting of the YEEC programme. If your proposals are relevant to the themes, it will be considered by the Committee.

We also encourage you to participate and share the following Youth Environmental Education Congress (YEEC) Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFL6YJY with your youth network, you will be contacted based on your response and interest.

For any clarification or proposal, please contact YEEC@weec2024.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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