

Emory is a leader of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE) of Greater Atlanta, recognized by the United Nations University

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The RCE Greater Atlanta is a diverse network of local stakeholders committed to advancing and teaching the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) at local and regional scales.
- The RCE Greater Atlanta was officially recognized by the [United Nations University](#) in 2017 and is one of 168 RCE networks in the world.
- The SDGs are an inherent part of [Emory's 2025 Sustainability Vision](#). Emory's sustainability goals, as described in the Vision, contribute to at least twelve SDGs.

*"We envision a robust and engaged network of all sectors of Greater Atlanta society, collaboratively working towards a region where the principles of sustainability – equity and justice, resilient ecosystems, health and well-being, and economic opportunity – are ingrained in its continued development . . ." [Greater Atlanta RCE application to the UN, 2017]*

## BENEFITS

Emory's collaborative leadership of the Greater Atlanta RCE:

- provides a structure to facilitate cross-sector collaboration towards commonly identified SDGs;
- pulls knowledge and expertise outside of campus gates to partner at a broader regional scale for a multi-sector approach to education for sustainable development;
- engenders a culture of learning and continuous improvement, providing opportunities for students of all ages to contribute to these efforts and shape new ones;
- creates opportunity for Emory to align its sustainability and social justice goals with those of the United Nations.

## HOW IT WORKS

The Greater Atlanta RCE accelerates student and community sustainable development leadership and progress towards a more sustainable future by leveraging a network structure to connect, support and catalyze diverse collaborations.

The Greater Atlanta RCE will focus on the following primary SDGs:

- Good Health & Well-being
- Zero Hunger
- Sustainable Cities & Communities
- Climate Action
- Quality Education
- Industry, Innovation, & Infrastructure
- No Poverty



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# 2018 Year-In-Review RCE Greater Atlanta

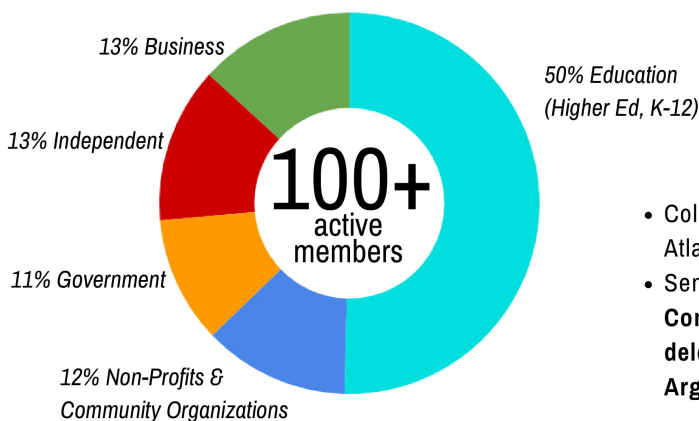
**RCE Greater Atlanta** is a regional sustainability network acknowledged by the United Nations University on December 18, 2017 as a **Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE)** on Education for Sustainable Development. Our primary work is to offer broad-based, multi-stakeholder educational and training programs to support regional sustainable development efforts. RCE Greater Atlanta supports implementation of the United Nation's **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through education and training, focusing on the priority goals listed below:



## 9 Active Work Groups

Work Groups are formed and led by members. They meet regularly and share updates at Quarterly Network Meetings, which are hosted by a different member each time.

Marketing & Communications	Youth Network	Environmental Justice Academy
Governance	Sustainable Development w/out Displacement	Networking
Higher Education Learning Community	K-12 Engagement	Business Engagement



## Highlights

- Collaborated on **9 conference sessions** in Atlanta, the U.S., and around the world
- Sent **3-person** delegation to **RCE Global Conference in the Philippines** and **5-person** delegation to **RCE Americas Conference in Argentina**



**40+** active member organizations in the RCE

**200+** attendees at RCE launch event at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights



- Launched **Environmental Justice Academy** and **Youth Network** SDG training program with a **\$40,000 grant** from Turner Foundation

- Guided by leadership from **7 higher education institutions**, Youth Network held monthly volunteer events and quarterly meetings and engaged students in cross-campus sustainability projects



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## LEARN MORE

Find out more about the [seventeen UN SDGs](#)

Explore the mission of the [Global RCE Network](#)

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### **In the News:**

- [RCE Greater Atlanta Officially Acknowledged by United Nations University](#)
- [The U.S. ranks 35th in 2019 Sustainable Development Report](#)

## QUESTIONS?

For answers to questions about how Emory incorporates the UN SDGs into its Sustainability Vision, contact [emorysustainability@emory.edu](mailto:emorysustainability@emory.edu).