

## Education for Sustainability: Collaborative Learning between Classroom and Community

In 1987, the United Nations Commission on Environment and Development (UNCED) introduced the concept of sustainable development in their report, "Our Common Future," as the ability of today's generation to "meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

According to Tilbury and Wortman (2004), developing these crucial characteristics now is necessary to address the complexities of the future: visionary and practical in designing a better future, reflective and critical, and collaborative and engages participation among stakeholders.

The approach to understand the complexities of these connections will be through an introduction to systems thinking, originally introduced by MIT Professor Jay Forrester in 1956 and greatly advocated by another MIT Professor Peter Senge since the 1980s. Systems thinking helps us understand complex situations and help us understand complex situations and help us make better decisions - by being less involved in scrutinizing smaller parts of a system and, rather, provides an expensive view of looking at larger interactions within the system.

The focus of this seminar-workshop is not on development per se. Rather, on the connection that education plays to imprint a fresh perspective of other learning and teaching practices provided by community-driven initiatives.

Who Should Attend and the Program Objective

Anyone interested in raising their level of thinking to that level at which results are co-created even in the midst of complexity and current realities. Academe-based practitioners wanting to get first-hand orientation of **systems thinking**, the **habits that make up a systems thinkers**, and the integrating solutions sparked by **education towards sustainability** efforts are invited to attend the workshop.



**Rizal Philippines** 

## Day 1

What is System?
What is Systems Thinking?
The Habits of System Thinkers
(Classroom-Community Interaction)

## Day 2

A View of the "Big Picture": What is Education for Sustainability? Setting the Standards for EfS Application and Tools

## **Program Investment: Php 12,000**

includes Program Fee, Materials, and Meals; accomodations available and charged separately.

For schedules, reservations, and fees.
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