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Dear Prof. Tolobek Abdyrahmanov and Prof. Temirbek Choduraev,

On behalf of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you, the team and stakeholders of RCE Kyrgyzstan, particularly, Dr. Chinara Sadykova and Ms. Kanykey Djumanalieva, for their excellent preparation and tremendous efforts to ensure that the four online sessions of the 13<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific RCE Regional Meeting held virtually on 10 and 24 September as well as on 8 and 22 October 2020 were held with great success. I would like to congratulate RCE Kyrgyzstan on their flexibility and resilience to hold the meeting despite the unprecedented situation that emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic. Without your support, the success achieved would not have been possible.

I am sure that the meeting provided participants with a valuable opportunities to learn from rich experiences among RCEs and to get practical ideas as well as deep insights on how to respond to the crisis and build back better through multi-stakeholder partnerships in their local settings to achieve a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable society.

UNU-IAS, which includes the Global RCE Service Centre is committed to taking the lead in bringing RCEs together to facilitate synergy and collaboration both regionally and globally. I look forward to attending the second part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific RCE Regional Meeting which is planned to be held face-to-face in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in 2021. Thank you for your continuous cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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