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The International Renewable Energy Academy signs practical collaborative agreement with Chile's Liceo RAP to advance COVID-Safe educational initiatives focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The International Renewable Energy Academy (IREA) announced today a new collaborative agreement with Chile's leading renewable energy high school: Liceo Rodolfo Amando Philippi (LRAP), the agreement aims at developing an innovative sustainable development educational and knowledge mobilization partnership.

Dr. José Etcheverry, Director of IREA celebrates this new partnership that will allow new local community initiatives to be implemented to ensure that local teachers and students can continue to expand their knowledge base in renewable energy, electric transportation solutions, sustainable agriculture, affordable housing, and local strategies for addressing the UN SDG's in Paillaco and the surrounding communities of Southern Chile.

Dr. Etcheverry notes: "This new collaborative agreement will fast-track the implementation of new local strategies that will benefit young people to ensure that they can apply sustainability principles to create new local economic opportunities that protect the environment and public health while advancing the local quality of life"

LRAP's Principal, Ms. Ana Maria Muñoz highlighted her commitment to make the partnership a success to ensure that local people in Paillaco and southern Chile can benefit with the connection to international partners that can link her community, colleagues and local young people to state of the art knowledge networks and technologies.

Ms. Muñoz states: "Through this innovative agreement, we will be able to continue the work we started with the construction of our renewable energy labs and teaching practices focused on practical strategies to address the climate crisis and the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals, we look forward to expanding collaboration with the International Renewable Energy Academy of Canada's York University"

LRAP has recently built one of Chile's most advance renewable energy labs with the support of Fundación Lucksic and 3D Consultants, a private sector partner of the International Renewable Energy Academy based in Chile.

Mercedes Van Bladel, Honorary Council of Belgium in Chile and Director of International Partnerships for 3D noted:

"The renewable energy labs built in LRAP has placed Paillaco and its inhabitants at the center of the sustainability revolution that is now guiding sustainable development efforts around the world for the benefit of local communities, First Nations, and the entire nation of Chile"

Meylin Min-Zhu, Manager of Partnerships of 3D, highlights that:

"the new collaborative agreement between IREA and LRAP will enable the transfer of local and international knowledge at many levels to ensure that members of the local community can have access to new training opportunities focused on solving local problems using proven sustainability strategies such as renewable energy and electric mobility"

Details of the partnership can be found at IREA's web portal and by contacting Dr. J. Etcheverry at: rejose@yorku.ca

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