

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT (ICPSD)**

**“PEACE FOR ALL”**

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**FRIENDSHIP HALL, KHARTOUM, REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN**

**DECLARATION**

**1 PREAMBLE**

- 1.1 We, the participants of the International Conference for Peace and Sustainable Development (ICPSD) convened in Khartoum, the Republic of the Sudan from 1-5 October 2011 for an international conference organized by the General Sudanese Students’ Union (GSSU) and the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) that brought together students, youth and youth leaders from around the world to discuss on the issue of peace and sustainable development.
- 1.2 The theme selected for ICPSD 2011 is “Peace for All”. This theme was chosen for this conference in realization of the role that peace plays to help in achieving and maintaining sustainable development. It is time for all of us to take our role seriously in the function of peace and to live in a healthy lifestyle that promotes justice and fairness.
- 1.3 After thorough deliberations through various paper presentations, discussion groups and other side events, we the participants have put together this document with the following recommendations that we strongly feel ought to be implemented to empower students and youth to become peace and sustainable development leaders and ambassadors.

The guiding principles for this declaration were based on the following objectives:

- To assist in spreading the culture of peace and promote peaceful coexistence among the young people and students worldwide;
- To permit young people and students to participate and contribute in the decision-making process for peace and national development;
- To empower young people, students, youth and student organizations in building a healthy lifestyle towards sustainable development;
- To train and activate the youth and students in promoting fairness and justice equally in all sectors of life;
- To provide a framework within the community to work together towards a common end;
- To ascertain that human development is equally spread within the society;
- To endure the challenges and opportunities of young people and students, and their role in the community development;
- To bridge youth and students organizations locally, regionally and internationally for displaying their roles in driving the wheel of peace

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **2.1 PUBLIC SECTOR**

- 2.1.1 To establish action plans towards peaceful nations with sustainable economies;
- 2.1.2 To establish a committee for youth that will allow integration to take place within the society towards peace and sustainable development;
- 2.1.3 To utilize and maximize the national resources in both rural and urban areas for the purpose of maintaining and achieving sustainable development;
- 2.1.4 To mentor and cultivate the full potential of young people in order to strengthen and achieve sustainable development;

- 2.1.5 To promote and preserve national heritage with a goal to achieve economic and cultural sustainability;
- 2.1.6 To utilize training centers targeted for the young people to facilitate the development of their skills and knowledge towards peace and sustainable development;
- 2.1.7 To develop a curriculum that engenders peace and sustainable development elements at all levels;
- 2.1.8 To allocate funds and resources for the young people in order to create awareness programs for peace and sustainable development;

## **2.2 PRIVATE SECTOR**

- 2.2.1 To encourage investment focusing on the empowerment of young people for the building of peace and sustainable development within the society;
- 2.2.2 To implement training programs that embraces the potential of youth to arrive at the process of peace and sustainability;
- 2.2.3 To intensify corporate social responsibilities in order to reduce the impact of obstacles that is faced by young people;
- 2.2.4 To make available youth resource centers in both rural and urban areas in order to alleviate development;
- 2.2.5 To provide annual grants and other support within their infrastructure for youth development;

## **2.3 Education**

- 2.3.1 To restructure the development of the curriculum focusing on the culture of peace and sustainable development;

- 2.3.2 To make use of formal and informal education to facilitate young people in the areas of peace and sustainable development;
- 2.3.3 To nurture the culture of gender equality within the educational system;
- 2.3.4 To promote multi lingual opportunities that will assist the young people to achieve global integration;
- 2.3.5 To employ the usage of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) as a bridge between the generations for the promotion of peace and sustainable development;
- 2.3.6 To ensure that educational opportunities are available to all people regardless of their backgrounds such as the displaced communities;

#### **2.4 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

- 2.4.1 To partner with all sectors for the promotion of peace and sustainable development among the youth within society;
- 2.4.2 To promote volunteerism among the young people for the program in the areas of peace and to sustain skills development;
- 2.4.3 To create youth awareness programs and activities in order to curb the social ills within society;
- 2.4.4 To empower young people with the acquired knowledge and skills to promote peace and sustainable development;
- 2.4.5 To set up a sector within the NGOs that will provide knowledge and skills in the area of peace and sustainable development;
- 2.4.6 To groom young people to become peace ambassadors so that they can affirm peace and sustainable development within the national, regional and world at large;

## **2.5 Media**

- 2.5.1 To encourage perceptions and opinions that can help to build a constructive policy in the areas of peace and sustainable development;
- 2.5.2 To assure the unbiasedness of its role as a powerful vehicle that grants a voice for the young people;
- 2.5.3 To recognize the dual potential in order for the youth to seek peace and sustainable development;
- 2.5.4 To support affirmative and empowering information that helps to promote peace and sustainable development within the society;
- 2.5.5 To employ the usage of new media technology to inform and educate communities in the areas of peace and sustainable development.

## **3. CONCLUSION**

We, the participants of the International Conference for Peace and Sustainable Development (ICPSD), realize and recognize the importance of peace and sustainable development within society. We seek to create conferences for the lobbying and advocating of legislations, policies and programs at all levels of society, creating a positive and healthy lifestyle for young people worldwide.