



*The House of Representatives  
The Republic of Indonesia*

## **WORLD PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



### **BALI DECLARATION**

#### ***Achieving the 2030 Agenda through Inclusive Development*** **World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development** **Bali, 6-7 September 2017**

We, Parliamentarians from 49 countries gathered in Bali, Indonesia on the occasion of the World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development (WPSD), under the initiative of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia on 6-7 September 2017, hereby affirms as follows:

*Recalling* that the international community, through the United Nations General Assembly, has adopted the Declaration on “Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” on 25 September 2015, which contains 17 Goals and 169 targets of Sustainable Development (SDGs);

*Reaffirming* that national efforts to achieve progress and sustainable development is deeply rooted in the national needs and priorities supported by and in conformity with the national agenda, policies and legislation;

*Emphasizing* that continued active involvement of Parliamentarians can help to ensure effective implementation and timely realization of the SDGs, through, inter alia, enactment of relevant legislation, adoption of enabling budgets, and promotion of awareness, accountability and social responsibility;

*Acknowledging* that the IPU at its 136<sup>th</sup> Assembly held in Dhaka, 5 April 2017 has highlighted that effective implementation of the SDGs requires inclusive and broad-based developmental processes, which allow wider participation and discussions from all segments of society, and are equally beneficial to all;

*Underlining* that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimension, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, recognizing gender discrimination

while reiterating its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions in a balanced and integrated manner;

*Reaffirming* that there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development, and therefore, underscoring the importance of inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence, and in this regard, expressing deep concern on the on-going violence in the Rakhine State of Myanmar;

*Further reaffirming* that freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, the rule of law, gender equality and women's empowerment as well as the overall commitment to fair, just and democratic societies for development, are among the main prerequisites in ensuring the full and timely achievement of the SDGs;

*Mindful* also of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement adopted under the Convention, and reiterating the determination to address decisively the threat posed by climate change and environmental degradation, recognizing that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible international and regional cooperation and partnerships aimed at accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions and addressing adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change;

*Having deliberated*, during the Parliamentary Forum, the issues of promoting inclusive and equitable development (leaving no one behind), ending violence and sustaining peace, and enhancing climate actions:

1. *Commit* to step up efforts, at all levels and in partnership with all stakeholders, including Parliamentarians, Governments, civil society, businesses and philanthropies, mass media, think tanks and academia, to ensure effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
2. *Resolve* to promote legislations and budget formulation that supports the implementation of the SDGs, facilitate inclusive development, and advance the principle of leaving no one behind;
3. *Undertake* to enhance the role of Parliamentarians in strengthening democracy with respect to human rights regardless of race, ethnicity and religion, good governance and the rule of law, as well as promote an enabling environment at the national, regional and international levels, and equip them with access to relevant research and data on the SDGs;

### **On Leaving No One Behind:**

4. *Ensure* that people of all groups, including those who are vulnerable and marginalized are not left behind, and therefore encourage countries to take into account all people's perspectives, irrespective of gender, age, race or ethnicity, and person with disabilities, migrants, indigenous people and local communities, children and youth, in the development of and assessment of sustainable development policies, strategies and programs, and to facilitate their engagement with the political process as well as their access to elected offices;
5. *Commit* to strengthen national ownership of the goals, including through mainstreaming and implementing the SDGs into enforceable National Development Plan that respond to country-specific development priorities, promoting its awareness to the constituents by ensuring that all legal frameworks and budgetary requirements sufficiently support the national policy on SDGs, through effective regular oversight mechanism regarding Government's accountability to the people for national progress on the SDGs;
6. *Work* towards further empowerment of the poor and the most vulnerable, by promoting and facilitating policies that advance social and financial inclusion, gender equality, connectivity, and thereby reducing development gaps;
7. *Urge* Governments to work closely with the Parliaments in the development of global accountability and to promote parliamentary perspectives in global dialogues and meetings on SDGs, in particular the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development and parliamentary involvement on relevant national reports;

### **On Ending Violence and Sustaining Peace:**

8. *Acknowledge* the importance of sustaining peace as an underlying principle in addressing potential conflicts and post-conflicts through peaceful means, preventive diplomacy and dialogue, including confidence building measures, and pledge to pursue peace through the promotion of inclusive dialogue, including through inter-Parliamentary dialogues;
9. *Work* towards the realization of peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence and in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met, through Parliamentary means, including, inter alia, enacting enabling legislations and through oversight mechanism;

10. *Express* deep concern of ongoing violence in the Rakhine State of Myanmar, amongst others, and call on all parties to contribute to the restoration of stability and security, exercise maximum self-restraint from using violent means, respect the human rights of all people in Rakhine State regardless of their faith and ethnicity, as well as facilitate and guarantee safe access for humanitarian assistance;
11. *Promote and facilitate* equal access to justice, respect for human rights, effective rule of law and good governance, as well as inclusive, transparent, effective and accountable institutions at all levels;
12. *Determined* to work closely with the government and all stakeholders in ensuring effective law enforcement to combat all forms of violence, paying special attention to the needs of women and children, and those in vulnerable situations;

#### **On Enhancing Climate Actions:**

13. *Commit* to scale up actions to combat climate change and environmental degradation and their impacts through Parliamentary means; inter alia, enactment of climate change and environmentally-sound legislations, adoption of budget to programs to reduce emissions and strengthen adaptation, ensuring accountability for the effective implementation of the national commitments, including in conducting regular oversight on the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and other related commitments under the Paris Agreement framework;
14. *Urge* developed countries to provide means of implementation including financial resources to assist developing countries with respect to both mitigation and adaptation actions and with a view to strengthen access of developing countries to climate financing and environmentally sound technology in line with the Paris Agreement;
15. *Work* with all stakeholders at national, regional and global levels in promoting and raising the awareness of and building campaign on combating climate change and environmental degradations;

#### **THE WAY FORWARD:**

16. *Invite* all stakeholders, including Governments, international development partners, international organizations, civil society, businesses, philanthropies, mass media, think-tanks and academia, to continue working closely with the Parliaments to support effective, coherent and

accountable implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in this regard, extend appreciation for their active participation in the WPSD;

17. *Decide* to continue regular holdings of the WPSD as a global parliamentary dialogue on sustainable development with the aim to bring more parliamentary discourse on the SDGs.

Bali, 7 September 2017

**\* Note:**

**India requested to be disassociated from the declaration**