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Inclusivity, Fair and Just- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Financing for Development (FfD). They should be characterized by equity, justifiability, measurability, and achievability.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

Rural Reconstruction Nepal - RRN, with over 3 decades of extensive experience at the grassroots level, recommends the prioritization of community-driven sustainable development initiatives. This involves enhancing, in rural areas, the access to education, availability of good healthcare, reduced inequalities, and access to justice through fair social systems and institutions. Furthermore, RRN strongly advocates for increased investments in sustainable methods and techniques of agriculture, programmes of food security and sovereignty, and nutrition, climate action, renewable energy, and skill development programs to empower local communities socially and economically. Additionally, RRN sees it necessary to foster partnerships between government, NGOs, and local communities for effective implementation of sustainable development goals. RRN encourages innovative financing mechanisms characterized by equitable utilization and distribution of domestic as well as foreign resources, that support long-term projects aimed at improving the overall well-being of the rural population in Nepal.

Chapter II. International peace and security

Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) realizes the necessity of maintaining international peace and security through efforts in the community and also recognizes the interconnectedness between sustainable development and global peace. In promoting international peace and security, RRN recommends:

-Supporting conflict prevention through community-based initiatives that identify and address the root causes in order to foster social harmony.

-Encouraging international collaboration in post-conflict reconstruction efforts, emphasizing community involvement and reconciliation.

-Advocating for disarmament programs and investing in alternative livelihoods to reduce the potential for conflict in vulnerable regions.

-Strengthening cross-border partnerships for information sharing and coordinated responses to emerging security threats.

-Promoting inclusive dialogue and conflict resolution mechanisms at the community and international levels.

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

Keeping in mind the necessity of scientific and technological innovation in the current era and its transformative power, RRN proposes the following recommendations:

-Promoting access to digital education and technology in rural areas to bridge the digital divide and empower local communities.

-Facilitating partnerships between local innovators, government, and private sectors to harness technology for sustainable development.

-Advocating for policies that encourage research and innovation in areas critical to rural development, such as agriculture, healthcare, and environmental conservation.

-Supporting the development of digital infrastructure and promoting responsible digital cooperation to ensure the ethical use of technology.

-Encouraging the integration of traditional knowledge with modern technology for sustainable and culturally sensitive solutions.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

RRN recognizes the importance of investing in the youth for long-term sustainable development. Recommendations for Chapter IV include:

-Creating youth-led initiatives that promote education, employment, and entrepreneurship in rural areas.

-Establishing mentorship programs to transfer skills and knowledge from older generations to youth, ensuring continuity in sustainable climate action and practices.

-Advocating for policies that address the unique challenges faced by rural youth, such as limited access to quality education and skills, employment to reduce out migration, climate action for aspired future generation.

-Supporting the active participation of youth in decision-making processes at local and national levels.

-Encouraging the development of youth-focused programs that address mental health, well-being, and social inclusion.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

In the context of transforming global governance for sustainable development, RRN suggests the following recommendations:

-Advocating for inclusive decision-making processes that consider the perspectives and needs of diverse communities, particularly those in rural and marginalized areas.

-Making accountable international frameworks that prioritize sustainable development goals and address global challenges through cooperation and shared responsibility.

-Promoting transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption measures in global governance structures.

-Encouraging the establishment of mechanisms for equitable resource distribution and fair representation of LDCs and other developing nations in global decision-making bodies.

-Fostering partnerships between civil societies, governments, and international organizations to ensure collective action towards sustainable development goals.