

Life Project 4 Youth (LP4Y)

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> Emphasizing the critical importance of prioritizing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8 and Article 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as essential steps towards the advancement of the UN's pillars, and as indispensable conditions for sustainable poverty eradication.

Securing decent jobs is pivotal for achieving development, peace, security, and human rights; and sustainable eradication of poverty. As Nobel laureate Amartya Sen (Nobel prize in Economic Sciences in 1998) emphasizes Employment is a crucial element in the overall fabric of human life. International Labour Organization (ILO) echoes this sentiment, stating that Decent work is not only a goal in itself but also a driver for achieving other development objectives. Intricately linked, quality employment fosters economic growth, social stability, and individual empowerment, thereby contributing to a harmonious society.¹ Recognizing the nexus between decent jobs and broader development goals is essential for creating a world where prosperity, peace, and human rights prevail.

> Securing the inclusive active participation of marginalized youth excluded from economic, political, cultural, civic, and social spheres in assessing all local and global issues, to challenge current initiatives and expose concrete solutions, enhance the implementation of existing commitments and fortifying global governance for the well-being of present and future generations.

Chapter 4 emphasizes meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement with youth, but it is of crucial importance to include and focus on the active participation of marginalized youth (victims of discriminations, out of school, living below the poverty, differentlyabled, migrants, engaged in the informal economy, residing in slums, and facing various forms of exclusion due to environmental, social,

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

> Enhancing awareness among excluded youth about dignified and sustainable professional opportunities, encompassing green and blue jobs, and accessible pathways beyond the informal sector that uphold environmental considerations.

Youth in situations of exclusion lack knowledge about decent employment (conditions, sectors and positions) and sustainable development. Raising awareness about these options empowers them to make informed choices, transitioning from the informal sector. This not only improves living conditions but also supports alignment with environmental concerns. For instance, green and blue jobs, as per ILO (2018), offer a pathway to a sustainable economy, creating 24 million new jobs annually.

> Equipping excluded youth with the requisite skill set to access sustainable and dignified opportunities to considerably foster their empowerment and socio-economic inclusion.

Empowering youth without diplomas requires targeted training in digital skills, job readiness (knowledge of corporate environment and codes, job search notions), and soft skills (more efficient than hard skills for being standing requirements and applicable to multiple opportunities). Companies while recruiting must complete by providing specific job-related training. This addresses the mismatch between current education programs and the actual needs of the working environment, as highlighted by the private and IOE representatives. This initiative aligns with the United Nations' commitment to promoting inclusive

understanding between individuals with diverse perspectives, thereby promoting peace and averting potential conflicts for the benefit of future generations.

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

> Supporting meaningful, inclusive, and effective engagement of excluded youth, with a priority focus on ensuring the participation of marginalized young women in institutional discussions and decisions, notably in the Declaration on Future Generations; recognizing them as the most vulnerable and victims, the most legitimate to provide decisive grassroots perspectives to develop efficient solutions for the achievement of SDGs, and pivotal actors in shaping the destiny of future generations.

Marginalized young women are crucial in debates and decision-making processes, bringing accurate vision of needs and challenges from grassroots experiences, identifying current obstacles explaining failures, expose solutions, ensuring that decisions made concretely support SDGs achievement.

> Ensuring that all policies addressing matters pertinent to youth and future generations undergo thorough review and assessment by youth representatives and civil society stakeholders.

> Securing meaningful and inclusive participation of excluded youth through the provision of skills mentoring, financial sponsorship, and dedicated discussion spaces, fostering collaborative engagement with the private sector, states (e) 81, 7 (n) 5 (e) N2.9 ((e)-4 64 (a)0.6.-9 (w a)004 72 483.12 Tm [(wi)-10.2 (t54832 (

