

Partnership Convention on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Between Member States and WFDP

Preamble:

We, the people of diverse nations and cultures, bound by the mutual aspiration to promote global peace, security, justice, and sustainability, united under the aegis of this Convention, hereby commit ourselves to fostering greater understanding, cooperation, and collaboration among all nations for the betterment of humanity.

Recognizing that the enduring essence of mankind is its unwavering pursuit of growth and progress, we acknowledge the indispensable role of multilateral efforts in addressing our shared challenges and seizing our collective opportunities. Together, we seek to inspire each other towards a future where innovation thrives while compassion guides us in addressing the welfare needs of everyone.

Drawing inspiration from the United Nations Charter particularly its purpose to save successive generations from the scourge of war while enhancing fundamental freedoms and human rights; we reaffirm our dedication to work collaboratively to prevent conflicts and resolve disputes by finding peaceful solutions in accordance with international law.

While acknowledging the diversity that defines our existence be it political, economic, or social; we aim to exchange ideas, perspectives, technologies, and resources with the goal of cultivating deeper connections that enrich all aspects of human life - nourishing minds while fostering sustainable development.

As this Convention understands that preserving our planet calls for immediate response; we emphasize on heeding scientific insights thus enabling a collective expedition towards innovative approaches that protect Earth's ecosystems and manage its resources responsibly.

Motivated by an era marked by rapid change and profound transformations; we stand determined to shape globalization in solidarity while ensuring that no one is left behind. In our quest for equitable prosperity, we strive for partnerships that are transparent and accountable wherein institutions efficiently support international cooperation.

Unitedly embracing the axiom 'unity in diversity', we envision a world where empathy propels us on this journey while recognizing that true progress honors both differences and obliges individuals to forge bonds embedded with integrity.

Therefore, with sheer optimism and unwavering determination - acknowledging both challenges and opportunities - we, as world citizens and representatives of varied nations, solemnly inaugurate this Convention. Together, under the banner of global companionship, we march towards a brighter, inclusive, and equitable future where our shared hopes and aspirations are transformed into tangible realities for generations to come.

Article 1

The purpose of this Convention is to strengthen global collaboration among its Parties with the shared objective of improving their environmental performance. This endeavor aims to support innovations in environmental protection and sustainability measures, ensuring responsible stewardship of our planet's critical natural resources for the benefit and well-being of present and future generations. Additionally, this Convention aligns itself with the principles and values enshrined in the United Nations Charter, committing to international peace, security, and sustainable development.

Article 2

1. The primary objective of this Convention is to promote international cooperation in addressing partnerships for the goals, with an emphasis on respecting human rights, upholding environmental sustainability, and ensuring equitable access to resources for all parties involved.

2. Parties to this Convention shall strive to achieve these objectives by:

a. Sharing scientific research, technology, and best practices related to creating partnerships.

b. Supporting capacity-building initiatives for developing countries to enhance their ability to contribute effectively to addressing sustainable development goals.

c. Encouraging public-private partnerships and stimulating investment in projects aimed at fulfilling the objectives of this Convention.

d. Working towards a collective commitment from all States, considering specific national circumstances and ensuring no country is unduly burdened.

e. Conducting periodical reviews to measure progress and adapt strategies as required.

3. In carrying out their obligations under this Convention, Parties shall adhere to the following principles:

a. Respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of all States; in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations Charter.

b. Recognition of respective roles and responsibilities in addressing Sustainable Development Goals, considering different national circumstances.

c. Commitment to multilateralism and inclusive dialogue in decision-making processes.

d. Emphasis on transparency, accountability, and good governance at all levels of implementation.

e. Observance of international law, including human rights obligations and environmental standards.

4. Parties recognize that achieving these objectives and upholding these principles may require the development of new legal instruments, as well as the adaptation of existing legal frameworks. As such, Parties are encouraged to engage in ongoing legal cooperation, harmonization, and capacity-building.

Article 3

1. The Parties shall adhere to their obligations under international law, including but not limited to compliance with the United Nations Charter, international human rights law, and relevant instruments governing specific areas of cooperation.

2. To achieve effective enforcement and implementation of the provisions within this convention, the Parties shall:

- (a) Develop necessary domestic legislation harmonized with international standards;
- (b) Establish or enhance appropriate institutions responsible for monitoring and enforcement;
- (c) Adopt measures to prevent infringement or circumvention of the commitments made under this convention;
- (d) Engage in mutual cooperation by sharing expertise, information, and resources.

3. The Parties shall prioritize efforts to address new and emerging challenges by:

- (a) Identifying issues that require collective action or innovative solutions;
- (b) Collaborating on scientific research and technological advancements;
- (c) Encouraging public-private partnerships for sustainable development;
- (d) Strengthening capacity-building initiatives.

4. The Parties shall foster diplomatic dialogue and collaboration with other relevant actors such as international organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia, civil society groups, and the private sector to advance shared objectives and uphold global norms.

5. Periodic review mechanisms shall be established by which Parties evaluate progress on implementation and recommend adjustments to address unforeseen developments or changing priorities

Article 4

1. The Parties shall engage in active cooperation and collaboration with a view to promoting effective implementation of this Convention's goals and objectives. This includes, among other activities, sharing information, exchanging best practices in their respective domain, fostering mutual understanding on regulatory matters, and strengthening their capacities to address global challenges.
2. To facilitate cooperation and partnerships, Parties may establish working groups or designate national focal points responsible for coordinating their efforts at the national level. These entities shall encourage stakeholder engagement, including public-private partnerships, academic collaboration, and civil society participation.
3. The Parties shall collaborate closely on fostering awareness about the principles and provisions laid down within this Convention. They shall ensure that relevant information is made available to all stakeholders through appropriate means, such as seminars, workshops, media outreach initiatives, and research projects.
4. To further enhance cooperation among Parties, regional networks may be created where the needs are defined by regional specificities. The regional networks will bring together representatives from participating nations, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations with relevant expertise to exchange views on pressing issues and identify opportunities to strengthen regional cooperation.
5. The Parties shall forge closer relations with one another by convening periodic meetings and consultations at various levels, such as senior officials' dialogues or ministerial conferences. This enables Parties to assess developments within their spheres of interest as well as discuss new opportunities for deepening collaboration among themselves.
6. The Parties recognize the importance of forging links with international organizations that have mandates relevant to this Convention's objectives or areas in which they themselves possess technical expertise. As such, they commit to engaging with these organizations on a regular basis in order to benefit from their insight and knowledge in addressing the challenges related to the convention's goals.
7. The Parties acknowledge that cooperation and collaboration should extend beyond their own borders. They shall work with other states and regional organizations to secure their commitment to the convention's goals, seeking broader partnerships across the global community to address shared challenges efficiently and coherently.
8. The Parties shall use a variety of means, including technical assistance, financial resources, capacity-building mechanisms, and knowledge-sharing platforms, to help countries that need support in implementing their obligations under this Convention.

Article 5

1. The World Fund for Development and Planning, recognizing its commitment to global development and cooperation, shall endeavor to ensure its actions are in alignment with the principles of the United Nations Charter.
2. The WFDP will actively seek cooperation with relevant UN bodies, thereby supporting collaboration on projects aimed at facilitating sustainable development, fostering economic growth, and enhancing welfare in member states.
3. To provide transparency and maintain strong partnerships, the WFDP shall submit periodic reports detailing its ongoing activities and financial operations to appropriate United Nations entities. The format, frequency, and scope of these reports shall be determined in consultation with relevant UN bodies.
4. With due regard to its mission and mandate, the WFDP is dedicated to maintaining a harmonious relationship with the United Nations system. As such, all necessary arrangements should be put in place to ensure that WFDP operations are carried out in full compliance with established international procedures.
5. The immunity of WFDP officials and agents operating within member states shall be respected in accordance with International Law principles. This shall include functional and personal immunities intended to enable them to perform their assigned duties without undue interference or hindrance.
6. Member states will cooperate fully with the WFDP by providing any assistance required for the effective implementation of its projects, in line with local laws and regulations while adhering to international best practices.
7. The WFDP will make every effort to attain official recognition as an international organization affiliated with the United Nations. To that end, the WFDP will engage in proactive dialogue and negotiations with relevant UN authorities to reach a mutually beneficial agreement promoting global development and collaboration."

Article 6 – Dispute Resolution and Jurisdiction

1. In the event of disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Convention, parties shall engage in constructive dialogue and participate in good faith negotiations to achieve a mutually acceptable resolution. Mediation or other peaceful mechanisms may be employed if necessary.
2. Should negotiation or mediation fail to resolve a dispute, either party may submit the matter to an impartial adjudicative body recognized by both parties, such as the International Court of Justice (ICJ) or an arbitration tribunal in accordance with international laws and practices.

3. Parties shall recognize and adhere to rulings made by these adjudicative bodies and take necessary steps to implement them in their domestic legal systems, while respecting each other's sovereignty, political independence, and territorial integrity."

Article 7 – Monitoring mechanism

1. Establish an independent International Monitoring Committee (IMC) composed of experts from diverse backgrounds, with equitable representation from all member states.
2. The IMC will periodically review implementation and compliance of obligations arising from this convention through non-intrusive inspections and analysis of self-reported data by member states.
3. In case of non-compliance or disputes, the IMC shall communicate concerns to involved parties and, if necessary, devise corrective measures in consultation with relevant UN bodies to ensure adherence to the convention goals.
4. The IMC will submit regular reports on monitoring progress to appropriate UN organs for review and action.

Article 8: Collaborative Measures and Capacity Building

1. Parties shall promote cooperation, collaboration, and exchange amongst themselves and with relevant international organizations to foster technical expertise and capacity building related to environmental conservation and natural resources management.
2. Efforts will focus on supporting educational initiatives, trainings, scientific research, technology transfer, and development of innovative solutions involving public and private sector stakeholders.
3. Parties shall periodically assess their capacity needs in relation to their obligations under this Convention and collaborate with other Parties or international organizations to address concerns or gaps in a timely manner.
4. Collaboration under this Article shall pay special attention to the specific needs of developing nations, small island developing states, least developed countries, as well as communities affected by climate change or bearing a significant burden of environmental degradation.
5. In pursuing joint initiatives or projects under this Article, Parties shall prioritize transparency, inclusiveness, sustainability, and respect for human rights in accordance with international law.

Article 9: Ratification, Entry into Force, and Notification

1. Ratification: Each signatory state shall deposit an instrument of ratification with the designated depositary, following approval of this convention in accordance with its domestic procedures.

2. Entry into Force: This convention will enter into force for all concerned states on the thirtieth day after the date on which two-thirds of signatory states have deposited their instrument of ratification.
3. Notifications: The designated depositary shall swiftly inform all signatory states upon receipt of each instrument of ratification, as well as when this convention enters into force.
4. United Nations Registration: Upon entry into force, this convention will be registered with the United Nations by the designated depositary, in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.

Article 10 – Territorial Application

1. This Convention shall apply to all areas under the jurisdiction or control of the Parties, including their respective territories, territorial seas, and airspace.
2. A Party may extend the application of this Convention to any territory for whose international relations it is responsible or to which it has rights and obligations. Such extension shall be made by a declaration submitted to the depositary and shall take effect from the date of its receipt.
3. In fulfilling their obligations under this Convention, Parties shall ensure that they do not infringe upon the sovereignty, territorial integrity, or political independence of other States.
4. Parties shall act in accordance with international law and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter when implementing this Convention within their jurisdictions. They should also endeavor to cooperate and consult with other Parties on matters relating to territorial application where appropriate.
5. Any disputes arising between Parties regarding the interpretation or application of this Convention within their respective territories shall be resolved peacefully through diplomatic channels or other processes outlined in the UN Charter.

Article 11: Withdrawal or Denunciation

1. Any State Party may withdraw from this Convention by submitting a written notification to the Depositary. Such withdrawal shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of the notification by the Depositary unless a later date is specified in the notification.
2. A State Party's withdrawal from this Convention will not affect any ongoing legal obligations, cooperation, or dispute resolution processes with respect to matters arising during the period of its participation as a State Party.
3. Following receipt of a notification of withdrawal, the Depositary shall inform all other States Parties and consult with them regarding appropriate measures necessary to continue effective implementation of the objectives and principles of the Convention

including securing alternative sources of support for projects or mechanisms initially established by the withdrawing State Party.

4. If no agreement is reached on said measures within ninety days from notification, any State Party may request a special conference to address the implications of such withdrawal and reassess obligations under this Convention among remaining States Parties. The expressed purpose will be to minimize any potential adverse impacts on continued collaboration and adherence among remaining States Parties.

5. Denunciation by a State Party implying non-compliance with, or rejection of, any provisions or principles in this Convention must be addressed through diplomatic approaches, including dialogue and potential use of mediation mechanisms provided under international law such as those presented in Article 33 Chapter VI of the United Nations Charter..

Article 12 – Amendments

a. Any Party, the committee mentioned in Article 7, or relevant UN organizations may propose amendments to this Agreement in alignment with global sustainable development goals.

b. Any proposal for amendment shall be notified to the President of the World Fund for Development and Planning (WFDP). The Secretary-General shall communicate it to all member states, non-member states invited to accede per Article 10, and the United Nations Secretariat.

c. The committee will examine any proposed amendment in consultation with relevant UN experts or working groups to ensure alignment with recognized international standards and best practices. Amendments adopted by a majority of three-quarters of the Parties' representatives shall then be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

d. An amendment shall take effect for those Parties who have accepted it one month after notifying the Secretary-General of WFDP of their approval. Upon notification of acceptance, said amendment shall become effective for that Party on the first day of the subsequent month.

Article 13 – Notifications

The President of the World Fund for Development and Planning (WFDP) shall promptly inform all participating member states and the United Nations, as applicable, about:

a. Any signature or agreement to abide by this convention;

b. The deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession by a member state or the United Nations;

c. The effective date and entry into force of this Agreement in harmony with the provisions of this convention;

d. Any proposed amendment to this Agreement in accordance with its stipulations, along with its anticipated entry into force; and

e. All other relevant acts, statements, notifications, or correspondence associated with this Agreement.

Article 14

The true certified copy of the original of the present Convention shall be deposited with the President of World Fund for Development and Planning (WFDP). In accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter, this Convention shall be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations upon entry into force, so long as it aligns with the principles and purposes set forth by the United Nations.

Authorized representatives, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments or organizations, have signed this Convention as an indication of their commitment to its goals and objectives. Upon expressing consent to be bound by this Convention through ratification or other appropriate methods, each party shall submit its instrument of ratification or other necessary documentation for validation.

The President of WFDP will provide certified copies of the Convention and supporting documentation to parties that have ratified or acceded thereto, as well as notify designated depositaries in line with UN practices. Additionally, any amendments or modifications shall follow due process as may be determined by participating parties.