

DRAFT BALI DECLARATION

We, the participants of the 2nd World Culture Forum 2016: Culture for an Inclusive Sustainable Planet in Bali, from 10 to 14 October 2016, initiated by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, commit to strengthen our efforts in mainstreaming culture as both a driver and an enabler of sustainable development,

Affirming the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted on 20 October 2005 in Paris, France, and appreciating UNESCO's mission to promote culture as a driver and an enabler for peace and sustainable development;

Recalling the Bali Promise, which was welcomed in the UN General Assembly Resolution 68/223 on 20 December 2013 and highlighted the power of culture as the fourth dimension of sustainable development;

Reiterating the World Culture Forum as a permanent platform for promoting the role of culture in sustainable development and the safeguarding of the cultural and linguistic diversity of humanity;

Welcoming the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals by the World's Leaders in 2015, and recalling that the 2030 Agenda acknowledges the natural and cultural diversity of the world and recognizes that all cultures, civilizations and communities can contribute to, and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development;

Emphasizing that policies responsive to cultural contexts can yield better, sustainable, inclusive and equitable development outcomes;

Reaffirming the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals to promote a culture of peace and non-violence, appreciate cultural diversity and culture's contribution to sustainable development, promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products, and protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage, and reiterating that all Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible;

Recognizing the important contribution of culture to the attainment of healthy lives and people's well-being, inclusive and equitable quality education, gender equality, sustainable management of the natural resources, sustainable consumption and production patterns, and inclusive societies;

Also recognizing the need to continue mainstreaming and harmonizing the cultural realm into every aspect of sustainable development, in order to synchronize the rhythm of development with that of society;

Underlining, in this regard, the need to ensure a more visible and effective integration of culture into economic, social and environmental development policies and strategies at all levels;

Stressing the need to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for effective attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals;

We urge UNESCO member states and the wider civil society to commit themselves to:

1. Support full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and work towards a more visible and effective integration and mainstreaming of culture into economic, social and environmental development policies and strategies at all levels;
2. Promote a culture of peace in our communities that will foster just and inclusive societies, who cherish and value cultural diversity and heritage as well as their protection;
3. Taking note of the results of the six symposiums/themes of the World Culture Forum, the following actions are recommended to be undertaken:
 - a. Strengthening the role of culture in the sustainable development paradigm for culture to become the crucial enabler and driver for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to emphasize the role of local communities and culture to redress the imbalanced relationship of ecosystem services with human demands.
 - b. Strengthen the interconnectedness of the relevant stakeholders with the planet for creating common best practices for inclusive sustainable development.
 - c. Develop collective pathways to ensure the transfer of culture to the next generations for cultural continuity.
 - d. Implement an economic and social development planning approach which is culture-sensitive to overcome the challenges of contemporary urban life.
 - e. Respect and accommodating traditional knowledge and local wisdom that call for the harmonious relationship of human, nature, and spirituality.
 - f. Place people and nature at the center of a bottom-up public policy formulation and implementation
 - g. Provide universal access to and the ethical use of digital technology to empower civil society and enable digital activism.
 - h. Allow the dynamism of urbanites to thrive and promoting the richness of urban cultural heritage for the advancement of the right to peaceful, equitable, inclusive and sustainable cities.
 - i. Expand and strengthen culture of peace and understanding based on dialogue and human rights values.
 - j. Foster dialogue and building bridges to connect cultural divides and strengthen mutual understanding between peoples.
 - k. Strengthen the promotion of the values of multiculturalism, peaceful coexistence, and cohabitation.
 - l. Incorporate cultural and ethical water values and traditional knowledge into integrated water resources management from the source to all users in order to resolve socio-political challenges of water management around the world.

4. Strengthen the role of youth in economic, cultural and socio-political and environmental activism in order to promote shared understanding and bring positive social transformations and equality toward sustainable development, including to, but not limited to, the promotion of creative economy.
5. Recognize the role of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to develop a knowledge network of activities to empower constituencies in advancing progressive culture for inclusive sustainable development.
6. Develop a strategy that invest on people and empower the role of local community as well as formulate an action plan to keep the connection between each World Culture Forum Meetings, building upon process of dialog between governments and civil societies to optimize culture as a power in addressing world problem.
7. Work closely with all stakeholders to ensure all sustainable development plans under the 2030 Agenda are responsive to cultural contexts to yield better, sustainable and equitable outcomes for an inclusive planet;
8. Strengthen the means of implementation and emphasizing the need to mainstream the role of culture into the indicators and reporting mechanisms of SDGs at all levels.
9. Work to develop a Framework for Action to be presented for adoption and launched at a meeting to be organized alongside the 39th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO in October 2017 with a view to strengthen the follow up and review mechanism under Agenda 2030.

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