**Draft Resolutions of the Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development**

1. Draft Resolution on the Establishment of an Asian Energy Market
2. Draft Resolution on Environmental Issue
3. Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth
4. Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication
5. Draft Resolution on “The Role of APA Parliaments in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”
6. Draft Resolution on Water and Sanitation in Asia for All
7. Draft Resolution on Asian Climate Financial Initiative

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/01**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on the Establishment of an Asian Energy Market** | | | |

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Recalling*** the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) adopted by world leaders in September 2015;

***Calling upon*** Asian parliaments to fulfill their respective commitments on reducing the adverse effects of climate change taking into account the principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;

***Believing*** that an Asian Energy Market will contribute in creating energy production projects, in particular renewable energy projects, which will provide for investment partnership opportunities for the establishment of alternative energy projects between the public and private sector, and among countries of the Asian continent;

***Aiming to*** achieve economic growth, and reduce poverty through job creation and the creation of partnerships among Asian countries;

***Supporting*** the efforts toreduce the use of fossil fuels gradually in a way that does not harm their economic growth;

***Stressing*** the importance of joint efforts by Asian countries to provide energy at reasonable prices for the Asian energy market;

*We therefore,*

1. **Call for** the liberalization of production and service in the energy sector in Asia, in order to support the international measures for combating climate change, and to move forward in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations for the year 2030;
2. **Encourage** cooperation among Asian countries to achieve the SDG's by establishing a competitive Energy Market, and coordinate between the government and private sectors in a bid to create partnerships that supports the promotion of economic prosperity in Asia;
3. **Support** the sustainable development, in a comprehensive manner and promote the investment in infrastructure and the use of technology that helps in improving alternative energy resources and address climate change;
4. **Call also** for emphasizing the importance of renewable and low-emission energy and energy efficiency in achieving sustainable development and the protection of environment by the use of environment-friendly substances for future generations;
5. **Welcome** the assistance provided for the least developed Asian countries in the use of alternative energy, in technology transfer and development, as well as in the optimal utilization of their natural resources;
6. **Urge** member parliaments on the importance of legislation and enactment of laws of renewable energy to activate the role of Asian parliaments in the future of renewable energy.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/02**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on Environmental Issues** | | | |

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Recalling***the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, the United Nations Climate Action Summit in September 2019, the Climate Aspiration Summit in December 2020, and the Climate Adaptation Summit in January 2021;

***Welcoming***the Report of the APA Secretary-General on Environmental Issues, Global Warming, and Planting Billions of Trees throughout Asia, contained in document SG/Rep/2016/03-2 dated 20 July 2016;

***Adhering***tothe important role of environment in the sustainable development and meeting needs of increasing world population particularly developing countries of Asia which are facing adverse consequences of climate change;

***Recognizing***the need to pursue the sustainable development with its three pillars namely the economic growth, social development and environmental protection in a balanced and mutually supportive manner;

***Highlighting***the link between sustainable development and other relevant ongoing processes such as that the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol, the Paris agreement etc;

***Recalling*** the preambular paragraph in the Paris Agreement that recognizes that sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption and production, with developed country Parties taking the lead, play an important role in addressing climate change;

***Reiterating*** the importance of transition to sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption and production efforts to address climate change;

***Emphasizing***the natural capital such as forests, biodiversity, freshwater, and coastal and marine ecosystems as being essential to making “green economies” a reality;

***Recognizing***that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires the widest possible cooperation by all countries, and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response;

***Underlining***the necessity of a comprehensive and long-term strategy to combat drought, forest fires , air pollution, sand and dust storms, desertification land degradation and marine life deterioration, thus improving the living conditions of the people living in arid, semi-arid and coastal areas;

***Warning*** that the establishment of many and various economic projects exhausts the environment, whether through the use of non-renewable resource or through the waste or pollution caused by these projects;

***Recognizing***the significance of exchanging information on environmental issues among Asian countries and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, in particular scientific, capacity building and technical assistance, from those states with high capabilities in the area of sustainable development to less developed countries in Asia;

***Calling up***ondeveloped countries and international institutions to assist Asian developing countries, in their efforts to deal with negative consequences of environmental degradation effectively and *reiterating* the importance of devising a proper mechanism for unimpeded technology transfer and financing from developed to developing countries;

***Emphasizing***that substantive involvement of APA in exchange of views among Member Parliaments on climate-related issues and striving for bringing as much coordination and collaboration as possible with a view to serving and improving the common regional interest of Asia is a compelling imperative;

***Acknowledging***the role of civil society, NGOs, policy think tanks, business and academia in the protection of environment through their inputs to the environmental policy formulation as well as implementation at the local, national and regional levels;

***Emphasizing*** the importance of cooperation among Member Parliaments with regard to efforts to combat drought, desertification, land degradation, sand and dust storms, forest fires, air and water pollution, and non-biodegradable marine debris;

***Recalling***the role of United Nations Environment Program(UNEP) in strengthening and building national and regional capacity to promote sustainable management of the environment and in the implementation of programs that take into account environmental considerations**;**

***Stressing*** that all parties as well as all the stakeholders, including the business sectors should preserve and conserve environment and that any ecological and environmental damage should be examined, according to parties’ respective laws and regulations and reflecting the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances;

***Stressing*** the central role of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement in providing collective international response to the challenges of global climate change;

***Emphasizing*** the role of parliaments in encouraging their governments to develop action plans and strategies in terms of developing solutions to environmental issues and supporting sustainable development goals in order to ensure greater transparency and accountability at both the national and the global levels;

***Emphasizing*** the importance of investing in scientific research and studies that would provide science-based evidence for decision-making processes solutions to address environmental issues, and the importance of investing in modern technology and innovation to reduce negative environmental impact and support sustainable development goals;

*We therefore,*

1. **Take into**accountthe adoption of Paris Agreement at the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties of UNFCCC in December 2015;
2. **Welcome** the adoption of the Paris Agreement Work Programme (PAWP) at the 24th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in December 2018 for operationalization of the Paris Agreement, 2015; We also welcome the decisions of the Climate Ambition Summit in December 2020 and the Climate Adaptation Summit in January 2021;
3. **Invite** Member**s** of APA parliaments to be mindful of the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment according to the UNGA76 the right to development and an ecologically-balanced environment;
4. **Calls****upon** APA Member countries to consider taking steps, as suitable as per local circumstances, towards promotion of awareness and incentivizing adoption of sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption;
5. **Urge** Member Parliaments to modify, or enact, laws according to their respective priorities needs and circumstances to enforce effective protection of natural habitats and environment, as well as people, threatened by environmental deterioration; Support the goals of sustainable development more effectively with regard to environmental issues through the adoption of appropriate legislation for this purpose;
6. **Call upon** APA Member countries to take more concrete steps to mitigate and adapt to negative anthropogenic impact on climate and to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change with a view to achieving sustainable development;
7. **Call on** APA member countries to uphold rule of law on environmental issues and to share good practices on that matter;
8. **Invite**the APA Member Parliaments to proceed with legislation and other legal actions deemed appropriate and instrumental in encouraging the governments to formulate and implement legislations, policies and measures;
9. **Invite**APA Member Parliaments who are in a position to do so, to provide means of implementation including finances, technology development and transfer, and capacity building support to APA members in their efforts to combat climate change and drought, desertification, land degradation, sand and dust storms forest fires, and air and water pollution and non-biodegradable marine debris;
10. **Recommend**action be taken by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) within existing framework to assist the Asian region and especially its developing nations in their climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts and the protection of natural resources;
11. **Call upon**APA to expand partnership with countries and partners outside the region, particularly the European Union, to exchange information on climate change, and natural disasters, mobilized financial resources to invest in project related to clean and energy saving technologies, and establish a research center in Asia to provide aid to the developing Asian countries in support for national policy programs with regards to sustainable Information and Communication Technology (ICT);
12. **Request** APA Member Parliaments who are in a position to do so to offer advice and support to the other members on how to acquire and effectively utilize the tools to combat economic shocks resulting from climate change, and coping costs through the preparation of sustainable policies pertaining to disaster preparation programs.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/03**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on Financial Affairs: Ensuring Efforts for Economic Growth** | | | |

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Expressing***concernon repercussions of the sovereign defaults and financial markets volatility to the economic growth in APA countries;

***Also Expressing*** concern on the adverse impact of the continuing fragility of the global economy, the slow pace of the restoration of global growth and trade, the unilateral coercive measures and unlawful economic restrictions, and the increasing systemic risks that threaten financial stability;

***Noting***that a social order based on justice and equality is of critical importance to accelerate social and economic progress everywhere, help in achieving international peace and harmony;

***Appreciating***the measures that have already been taken by Asian Parliaments and their governments to contain the negative impacts of economic crisis in their economies, and expect them to take further steps to stimulate their respective economies;

***Noting***thatthe economic growth in many Asian Economies has not been shared equally in the society whereby the Gini Coefficient, as reported by the Asian Development Bank, has grown significantly over the past decades and that regional cooperation which have already existed in Asia could serve as a platform for enhancing cooperation among sub regional economic organizations that would improve welfare for all in Asia;

***Noting***thatpeace and stability in the region is an important contributorto economic growth while occupation, violence and political instability act as inhibitors for economic development and that maintaining regional collaboration on political stability is crucial;

***Recognizing***also the necessity to effectively reform the current global financial architecture so as to achieve a more balanced world economic and financial order and giving increasing voice to developing countries in global financial institutions;

***Encouraging*** parliaments to adopt policies through enactment of law and legislations, their legislative and scrutiny roles aiming to enhance the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and the role of the private sector and increasing its contribution to economic integration, in order to create the appropriate job and jobs opportunities to achieve a comprehensive economic development on human and financial levels in Asia;

***Emphasizing*** that the international financial system should bolster sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, sustainable development and job creation, promote financial inclusion and support efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty and hunger, in particular in developing countries, while allowing for the coherent mobilization of all sources of financing for development;

***Recognizing*** that a sustainable and inclusive development and economic growth are achieved when all nations equally enjoy opportunities to thrive and prosper and when no State seizes such opportunity to the detriment of the others;

***Also Emphasizing*** on the role of the private sector by influencing national expenditure policies through the roles of parliaments, particularly with regard to discussions and approval of budgets and financial accounts, as well as the adoption of investment laws and the provision of incentives and guarantees for private sector growth;

*We therefore,*

1. **Call upon** Asian governments to adopt policy approaches to develop a comprehensive and innovative growth strategies needed to sustain a resilient, balanced, sustainable and inclusive economic growth as necessary means to create decent jobs and reduce inequalities to promote the formation of a regional SME's network;
2. **Call upon**APA Parliaments to ensure, respect for the dignity and value of all human beings and ensure adherence to human rights particularly the right to development and social justice by legislative and oversight means, ensuring equality of opportunity for all;
3. **Encourage**APAMember Parliaments to work on an informal debate at APA platform on the potential benefits of social justice in their respective countries and promote greater cooperation for equitable economic development in Asia;
4. **Urge** APA Member Legislatures to promote social justice and development in their respective policies to raise the living standards of people;
5. **Recommend**APA Member Parliaments to promote adoption of Basel III to improve supervision on financial sector governance and to fill any financial gap in case of any monetary crises;
6. **Encourage** APA MemberParliaments to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and focus on policies that alleviate poverty, including improving access to health, education, capital**,** employmentand social protection to help close incomeinequalities;
7. **Callon**APA member parliaments to consider reviewing their respective legislations, where appropriate, to give more support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by giving access to low interest credit loan and to provide capacity building and regional networking to integrate SMEs into regional and global value chains;
8. **Encourage** APA Member Parliaments to support financial inclusion for the poor and people in vulnerable situations of society in each respective country and to share best practices of financial inclusion in the region;
9. **Also Encourage** APA Member Parliaments to support the conduct of comprehensive studies, with regional and global coordination regarding weak community groups in vulnerable situations, in the support of the need for the financial integration of the underprivileged;
10. **Recognize** the right to development and Stressthe importance of investing in human development and activate the concept of partnership among member states and to provide sufficient public funding for education and health for everyone, without discrimination, to face the future global and Asian economic demands;
11. **Stress** the critical importance of a stable, inclusive and enabling global economic environment and the means of implementation including capacity building technology transfer and financial support for the advancement of sustainable development, for the reliable and effective financing of development and for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, mobilizing public and private, as well as domestic and international resources at reasonable costs;
12. **Request**the APA Member governments to channel more funds in joint research and development (R&D) activities as a means to spur innovation and viable economic growth strategies to sustain a more resilient economic growth;
13. **Callupon**the APA Member Parliaments to continuously promote the need for reform in global financial institutions and architecture, financialtechnologyregulation**,** with the view for a balanced world economic and financial order with more participation from developing countries;
14. **CallUpon**APA member countries to strive to create an enabling institutional and business environment that can promote financial stability, financial inclusion, and efficient mobilization and utilization of the available resources;
15. **Strongly condemns** the use of sanctions or any mechanisms of financial and economic pressure on APA Member States applied for political purposes in violations of the international law and UN charter.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/04**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on Poverty Eradication** | | | |

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Recalling***APA Resolution on Alleviating Poverty in Asia (APA/Res/2015/08) adopted at the 8th APA Plenary in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, December 2015 and other relevant APA resolutions;

***Underlining***the significance of the role of Parliaments both in advocating and conducting oversight function to ensure achievements of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially on Poverty Eradication;

***Reaffirming***that each country must take primary responsibility for its own development and that the role of national policies and strategies cannot be overlooked in the poverty eradication; articulating that SDGs are interconnected and the role of economic growth is fundamental to poverty eradication, so much as investing in health and education;

***Welcoming*** bilateral, trilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation to eradicate poverty, create jobs, address the consequences of international financial crises, promote sustainable development, and advance market-based industrial transformation and economic diversification, including through the development of cultural and creative industries and sustainable tourism;

***Underlining*** the fact that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions is an ethical, social, political, environmental and economic imperative of all humankind, and in this regard recognizing that there is a need to better understand and address the three dimensional nature of development and poverty in a multifaceted and integrated approach;

***Emphasizing*** that the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development depends crucially on the transformation of rural areas, where most of the poor and hungry live;

***Recalling*** that nearly 80 per cent of the extreme poor live in rural areas and work in agriculture and that devoting resources to the development of rural areas and sustainable agriculture and supporting smallholder farmers, especially women farmers, is key to ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions by, inter alia, improving the welfare of farmers;

***Stressing*** at the same time the need for enhanced international cooperation on poverty eradication, and the obligation of developed countries to provide financial, technical and capacity building assistance along with support in the form of trade, investment and technological transfer to developing countries;

***Noting***that poverty alleviation is important to combat international terrorism, abuse of women & children and drug trafficking, arms smuggling, human trafficking, sea piracy and transnational crimes;

***Acknowledging*** that any constraint on the political and economic development of any country would undermine the effort to poverty eradication and hamper the realization of other SDG’s;

***Recognizing*** that the SDGs balance all the three crucial dimensions of sustainable development, namelythe economic, the social and the environmental;

***Reaffirming***that poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and its alleviation and, eventually, its eradication, is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development;

***Supporting***also a publicity campaign to raise awareness in the society about SDG, utilizing the potentials of mass media;

***Emphasizing***that achieving food security requires efforts and coordination at both national and international level;

***Recognizing***the important role of agriculture in meeting needs of increasing world population, underlining that sustainable agriculture practices and rural development are key approaches to increase food security;

*We therefore*,

1. **Urge** APA Member Parliaments to work closely with their governments in the formulation and implementation of the measures which are outlined in the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development;
2. **Determine** to be more ambitious in our efforts to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality, ensure food security, access to healthcare and education;
3. **Urge** APA Member Parliaments to redouble their efforts in supporting activities of poverty eradication and encourage their respective governments to facilitate the implementation of effective policies to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;
4. **Urge** APA Member Parliaments to create awareness among general public about the importance of sustainable food consumption and production and take possible steps to ensure it and harness all parliamentary efforts to enact laws that work for the interest of food security;
5. **Invite** APAMember Parliaments to adopt necessary legislation to:
6. promote modern and sustainable agriculture which contributes essentially to reduction of poverty in urban and rural areas;
7. empower the poor to improve their living conditions and participate in decision-making which affects their lives;
8. help to upgrade the infrastructure and services in areas where the poor live and work with emphasis on creating better opportunities for the poor especially girls, which will contribute to increased female labor force participation;
9. **Stress** the necessity to adopt strategies to improve life quality, offer higher levels of welfare, by developing necessary policies and laws to force establishments to comply with environmental regulations; to support the development of local technology, research and innovation, taking into consideration the obligations highlighted by the 21st Century Agenda (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development), the Global Summit on SDGs, and UN Environment Program;
10. **Encourage** APA Member Parliaments to support investment in climate resilient agriculture and to adopt a unified approach to combat hunger by promoting public and private investments, increased access to inputs, lands and technologies;
11. **Invite** APA Member Parliaments to take appropriate legislative measures for poverty alleviation including providing social safety nets to the poor and the vulnerable;
12. **Call** forincreased cooperation between developed and developing member countries for improving food security by means of bilateral, regional and multilateral information sharing, especially in an area of sustainable agricultural technology;
13. **Stress** the significance of women participation and contribution in agriculture sector for improving productivity, food security and eliminating poverty;
14. **Stress** the need to enhance and expand access by developing countries to appropriate technologies that are pro-poor and raise productivity and underlines the need for measures to increase investment in agriculture, including modern technologies as well as in natural resources management and capacity-building of the developing countries;
15. **Stress** that the achievement of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty also hinge on the ability and readiness of countries to effectively mobilize domestic resources, attract foreign direct investment, fulfil official development assistance commitments and use official development assistance effectively and facilitate the transfer of technology to developing countries, on mutually agreed terms;
16. **Stress** the need to give the highest priority to poverty eradication within the framework of the United Nations development plan, and to address the problem of poverty at its roots and the challenges related to it by adopting integrated, coordinated and consistent strategies at all levels and that the member states of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly spare no effort in order to rid human beings from the degrading and inhumane conditions of extreme poverty, bearing in mind that the eradication of poverty is an issue above all other issues of sustainable development in the coming years, as it is one of the essential goals of the international community and the entire United Nations System.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/05**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on “The Role of APA Parliaments in Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”** | | | |

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Acknowledging***the outcome document ofthe United Nations Summit for the adoption of Post-2015 Development Agenda entitled *“Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,”* adopted in September 2015;

***Reaffirming*** its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” as well as emphasizing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development , eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions - economic, social and environmental - in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business;

***Being* *convinced***that the SDGs are integrated and indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable, upholding the principle of common but differentiated responsibilit**y**, taking into account different national capacities, levels of development, and respecting national policies and priorities;

***Underlining*** that strong political will and leadership of the parliaments and governments are essential for the achievement of the SDGs;

***Emphasizing*** the need for a solidarity among governments, parliaments and the people to recognize the importance of development particularly in the areas of health, education, housing, food security, nutrition and environmental sustainability;

***Welcoming*** the establishment of the Sustainable Development Goals Commission in each Asian parliament as the best practices to pursue the objectives of the SDGs at national level;

*We therefore,*

1. **Recommit** ourselves to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the outcome document of the UN Summit which adopted the SDGs as the new development frame work for 2015- 2030. The list of the SDGs is annexed;
2. **Urge** APA Member Parliaments to uphold Parliamentary Diplomacy as an instrument to improve the implementation of SDGs in general and APA priorities including environmental protection, poverty eradication, water, protection of the safety of energy market in Asia, economic growth of APA Member States;
3. **Invite** APA Members States to review and assess opportunities and legislative gaps to engage the private sector to invest in infrastructure on a sustainable basis;
4. **Call upon** Member Parliaments to develop strategies in support of government efforts regarding SDGs, and how to expand the use of clean and renewable energy such as solar, hydro and wind energy;
5. **Call upon** international financial institutions and APA Members to provide adequate budgetary resources and adopt legislations which are relevant to support and monitor the successful implementation of the SDGs;
6. **Resolve** to strengthen the role of national parliaments in promoting of SDGs so that people understand that the SDGs are relevant to their lives;
7. **Request** the Standing Committees of APA to deliberate in a comprehensive manner issues of SDGs which are relevant to the work of their committees;
8. **Recognize** Parliaments role in the private sector, by promoting national expenditure policies, through parliament’s regulatory roles, particularly regarding the discussion and adoption of budgets and final accounts, and for the endorsement of investment laws, supply of sufficient incentives and securities for private sector growth;
9. **Call upon**  parliaments to contribute, through its roles, to highlight the priority to the enhancement of sustainable agriculture as food security, will constitute the most insisting problem of future sustainable development objectives;
10. **Circulate and exchange** the experiences, procedures and measures that represent successful models in the field of sustainable development among all members of the association in order to benefit, replicate, build upon and be guided by them;
11. **Call Upon** APA member states to strengthen regional economic cooperation and integration to enhance regional connectivity in supporting the implementation of the SDGs.

**Sustainable Development Goals**

1. End poverty in all its forms every where
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promotes sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce in equality within and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institution sat all levels
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

\*acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/06**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on Water and Sanitation in Asia for All** | | | |

*We, the Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Recognizing***the outcome document of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of Post- 2015 Development Agenda entitled *“Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for* *Sustainable Development,”* adopted in September 2015;

***Recalling***United Nations’ General Assembly resolution (A/64/292) adopted on 28th July 2010, which formally recognized water and sanitation as human rights and UN Human Rights Council resolution (A/HRC/RES/18/1) adopted on the 28 September 2011, recognizing that the right to water and sanitation are part of the right to an adequate standard of living;

***Welcoming***the SDG goal 6 on ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, including universal and equitable access to drinking water, sustainable water resources management and wastewater treatment;

***Emphasizing*** that achieving the sixth goal of the sustainable development goals should be based on a fundamental pillar, which is that sustainable water management goes beyond just safe water supply and sanitation services (Objectives 6-1 and 6-2) and extends to addressing the broader water context such as water quality, wastewater management, water scarcity, use efficiency, water resource management, and protection and restoration of water-related ecosystems;

***Stressing*** that one of the goals of sustainable development is also to ensure that everyone has access to adequate sanitation services and to put an end to everything that leads to water pollution and the spread of diseases that lead to hundreds of thousands of deaths due to unsafe drinking water or as a result of poor sanitation services that affect public health;

***Deeply******concerned***that approximately one billion people across Asia could face severe water shortage by 2050, thereby possibly leading to conflicts over water resources;

***Stressing******upon***the need for Asian Governments to focus in national policies on water and sanitation issues and contribute towards international efforts in resolving these issues;

*We therefore,*

1. **Welcome**the inclusion of water and sanitation in Post-2015 Development Agenda and the acceptance of human right to safe drinking water and sanitation by the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council;
2. **Consider**the role of Parliamentarian critical in the implementation of human rights approach to water and sanitation in Asia, including particularly the adoption of legislative measures in the implementation of their human rights obligations;
3. **Request**Member Parliaments to urge their respective governments to cooperate within their regions to address the water utilization and to study in depth the causes of the water challenges and to provide appropriate solutions and strategies to overcome these challenges;
4. **Encourage**integrated water resource planning and management[[1]](#footnote-1) for reducing widespread scarcity and pollution of freshwater resources in many regions and give priority to the fulfillment of basic needs and safeguarding of ecosystems in developing and using water resources;
5. **Urge**APA Parliamentarians to vigorously engage with their executive branchesto address the effects of climate change, that may manifest themselves in the form of water scarcity and flooding in different geographic areas;
6. **Encourage** APA Members to support advance technology transfers from developed countries to the developing countries of Asia and sharing of good practices for efficient allocation of water among sectors;
7. **Adopt** awareness programs by Member States parliaments to inform their citizens about the problem of water scarcity in order to reduce their wastefulness, prevent pollution or waste, and limit their use to the necessary human needs without any other uses;
8. **Promoting** the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028 which was held in New York on 22-24 March 2023 and its outcomes in accelerating actions on the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **A**sian **P**arliamentary **A**ssembly |  | **SC-Economic/Draft Res/2024/07**  9 December 2024  Bahrain |
| **Draft Resolution on Asian Climate Financial Initiative** | | | |

*We, the members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly,*

***Recalling*** provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its Kyoto Protocol and its Paris Agreement on developed countries’ obligations to provide financial resources to developing countries on mitigation and adaption to climate change;

***Recalling*** the decisions taken by the Working Group on Green Finance (19 April 2019, Naryan Mar, Russia), Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development (26 June 2018, Pissouri, Cyprus);

***Supporting*** the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including goal 17 on strengthening the means of implementation and revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development, adopted by country leaders in September 2015 for a more prosperous future, and through this movement towards prosperity, greater public welfare and the protection of the planet, and in pursuance of the Resolutions of the APA Committee for Sustainable Development and Economy and the Declaration, adopted in Antalya on December 16, 2019, on the approval of a roadmap to provide incentive measures for sustainable finance, the creation of a common Asian energy market, as well as the role of APA parliaments in supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

***Approving*** the Agenda for Sustainable Development for the period till 2030, the outcome document of the UN Summit, where the SDGs accepted new development framework for 2015-2030 and convincing that the SDGs are global in nature and universally applicable, taking into account different national capacities and priorities;

***Noting*** the important role of Asia in the recovery of the global economy and its further development in the post-crisis space, as well as the key role of environmental quality in sustainable development and meeting the needs of the growing world population, especially Asian countries;

***Striving*** to achieve economic growth and poverty reduction through job creation, social development and environmental protection in a balanced and mutually supportive manner as appropriate;

***Emphasizing*** the need to ensure just, balanced and sustainable energy transitions with due respect to the APA Member States’ socio-economic interests and priorities;

***Stressing*** the importance of financing efforts aimed at both emission reduction and adaptation to climate change;

***Recognizing*** the critical problem of climate change and the need for large-scale funding of measures to mitigate the harmful effects of human economic activity on the environment, as well as joint actions to reduce carbon footprint of the APA Member States’ systems, with adequate timely delivered and sustainable financial, capacity building and technological support from developed countries, including by strengthening adaptation measures;

***Emphasizing*** the importance of natural resources, the need for a long-term strategy to combat drought, sand and dust storms, forest fires, air pollution, desertification, land degradation and degradation of marine flora and fauna and encouraging increased investment in infrastructure while meeting increased environmental requirements;

***Recognizing*** the importance of exchanging information on environmental issues among Asian countries, taking into account different circumstances and developmental levels of the countries;

***Emphasizing*** the role of parliaments in encouraging their governments to develop plans and strategies towards sustainable economy in order to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030;

*We therefore,*

1. **Announce** the establishment of the Asian Climate Financial Initiative (ACFI) which brings together the principles, approaches, intentions and actions common to all countries across the Asian Parliamentary Assembly with regard to financing sustainable growth in Asia;
2. **Call on** the efforts of states, businesses and institutional investors to develop and launch financial programs, including finance mobilization from developed to developing countries, discussion on the mechanisms and tools that promote the growth of timely delivered, adequate and grant based and concessional environmental and climate finance in order to reduce accumulated environmental damage, prevent environmental pollution and reduce anthropogenic impact on human health and the planet's climate;
3. **Support on** an ongoing basis a program of in-depth researches and analysis of the impact of Asian natural resources that absorb and compensate the harmful effects of human economic activities on the environment and climate at the global level;
4. **Recommend** that the compensatory potential of Asian natural resources is taken into account at the global level, as part of measures to limit green-house gas emissions and the contribution to reducing the harmful impact on the climate and the environment of the APA countries results of actions, including improving energy efficiency of economies, promoting reforestation, increasing the share of sustainable technologies in the economy and the development of sustainable financial instruments, including transitional formats through providing finance, technology and capacity-building assistance for developing countries in a manner that does not impact the debt sustainability of the developing country adversely;
5. **Invite to** organize a study of best practices and exchange of experience between APA countries on the terms of financing sustainable development, development of programs to support and stimulate the issuance and circulation of sustainable financial instruments;
6. **Also recommend** the governments of APA Member States to consider the possibility of creating a permanent institution to promote the implementation of ACFI on the basis of intergovernmental agreement.

1. **Integrated water resources management** ( **IWRM**) has been defi ned by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) as "a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maxi mi ze the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromisi ng the sustai nability of vital ecosystems". [↑](#footnote-ref-1)