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### Comments on UN High Level Advisory Board

#### **Introduction**

The establishment of the UN High Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, HLAB, is part of the UN's effort to more meaningfully support 193/306 UN Member States (all currently Off Track in delivery on SDGs Pledge – No Goal will be considered met if it is not achieved by all Peoples in all Countries) to achieve delivery on SDGs Pledge in 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date. HLAB is scheduled to meet twice a year with its first meeting during HPLF July 2018.

In the work towards achieving delivery on 2030 Transformation Agenda, UN DESA has been saddled with responsibility to first Re-engineer itself, so that it could be in much stronger position to effectively Re-position the UN Development System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) Systems as One while simultaneously better supporting all 193/306 UN Member States to deliver on SDGs Pledge by end 2030 target date.

The HLAB is expected to offer UN DESA "Thought Leadership on Sustainable Development as outlined in UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres Report on Repositioning the UN Development System to Deliver on the 2030 Transformation Agenda: Ensuring A Better Future for All".

This commentary is our Institution's contribution towards improving HLAB's Development Impact and Development Results at each specific Community, Sub-national, National, Sub-regional, Regional and Global, CSnNSrRG, location context.

#### **Commendation**

We commend the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and UN DESA for establishing UN HLAB. As all 193/306 UN Member States are Off Track in work towards achieving delivery on SDGs Pledge by end 2030 target date, HLAB is coming at opportune time to ensure that HPLF 2018 indeed mark turning point in National and International Development Cooperation.

#### **All 193/306 UN Member States Off Track Delivering on SDGs Pledge by end 2030**

It will be recalled that ECOSOC Synthesis Report May 2018 being input to HPLF July 2018 major finding is that all 193/306 UN Member States are Off Track delivering on SDGs Pledge; that ISPE/EAG War on Conflicts, Inequality and Unsustainable Practices Paper set out Sustainable Solutions aimed at getting all North and South Countries, UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF and Partners at specific CSnNSrRG levels to recognize urgent need to jointly tackle root cause or primary cause problems on the ground, if the SDGs Pledge is to be delivered in all North and South Countries in the 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date.

We have in the War on Conflicts, Inequality and Unsustainable Practices 3 Paper, identified Partners that have Lead Roles to Play:-

[http:// developmentchangechampions. blogspot.com/2018/06/global- push-to-achieve-sdgs-vision- and.html](http://developmentchangechampions.blogspot.com/2018/06/global-push-to-achieve-sdgs-vision-and.html)

It will be recalled further that UN Secretary General Guterres at his Swearing In Ceremony on 15 December 2016 set out his Vision for the UN System. It will be Mission Impossible seeking to achieve the UNSG Vision that is Integral Part of work towards achieving 2030 Transformation Agenda Vision, as long as all 193/306 UN Member States remain Off Track delivering on SDGs/SDGs Pledge by end 2030 target date. It is pertinent to note that there is just 12 1/2 years remaining to deliver on SDGs Pledge in all 193/306 UN Member States. Please find link to our Comment on Ways and Means of Translating the UNSG Vision and Words into Vision and Words with Action, that is moving from Thoughts to Practical Action in our World as is and not as any Stakeholder no matter How powerful wish it to be:

[http:// developmentchangechampions. blogspot.com/2016/12/global- push-to-achieve-sdgs-vision- and.html](http://developmentchangechampions.blogspot.com/2016/12/global-push-to-achieve-sdgs-vision-and.html)

### **All 193/306 UN Member States; UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) and Partners – Shift from MDGs Mode to SDGs Mode and On Time**

If all 193/306 UN Member States are to deliver on SDGs Pledge in 12 ½ years remaining, there must be Multiple Paradigm Shifts including: Shift from MDGs Mode to SDGs Mode, Working in Silos to Working in Synergy; Using Multiple Approaches to Using One Worldwide Integrated Approach etc as basis for all National and International Stakeholders “Working Together to Benefit Together”. This demand National and International Stakeholders in each specific CSnNSrRG location context are Organized, Oriented and Disciplined to be the effective MOVING FORCE Driving Transformation of Society in their specific CSnNSrRG location context. This Transformation will be Driven by National and Global Collective Action for Sustainable Development, within effective Multi Stakeholder Platforms / Partnerships, MSPs promoting and protecting Inclusion and Participation in each specific CSnNSrRG location context.

### **Achieving Delivery on SDGs Pledge in all 193/306 UN Member States; UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) National and International and Partners sides – The Big Issues**

1. The SDGs unlike the MDGs is for all Countries. The SDGs is All Inclusive, All Embracing and Ambitious Agenda that is Interrelated, Interlinked, Interconnected and Interdependent. At end 10 of 60 Quarters of Implementation, the SDGs is yet to have All Inclusive, All Embracing and Ambitious: Research, Planning, Data/Statistics, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, Results/Measuring Success, Transparency, Accountability and Participation as One Framework for Delivery on SDGs/SDGs Pledge applicable to each specific CSnNSrRG location context, and this One Framework using One Worldwide Integrated Approach to National and International Development Cooperation, such as 3PCM:-

<http://nehmapglobal.org/3pcm-benefits-focused-one-worldwide-approach-to-national-and-international-development-cooperation-short-version/>

2. CSR Europe White Paper 2017 on “The SDGs; The Values” extracts:-
  - a) Research shows that there are a number of reasons why uptake of the SDGs remains low among some companies and some SESEOs / Cooperatives. These include: a lack of stakeholder demand for action on the Global Goals, a limited understanding of how the SDGs relate to the company’s core business, a sense that the Goals are too complex and insufficient government commitment and support for businesses to commit to the SDGs. **Low social awareness** is the biggest obstacle that business leaders face when trying to engage with the SDGs. Other challenges include a **lack of clarity on directions or approaches to implement the SDGs**, lack of **government commitment or policies** and lack of resources.
  - b) This shows that many business leaders need greater support in terms of how to approach the Global Goals. There is also a **need to create more mass engagement around the SDGs**. Once again Government is mentioned as potentially playing a key role here. However, business leaders also suggest that more partnerships and the sharing of best practice and case studies are important for helping to **create a roadmap that can inspire businesses to tackle the SDGs**.
  - c) Research demonstrates that there is a **strong appetite among business leaders and SESEOs/ Cooperatives Leaders to partner and collaborate to address the SDGs**. This signals that there is a **great opportunity** for governments and multi-lateral institutions to show more leadership and proactively engage with the business community and SESEOs/ Cooperatives community to **provide more guidance and support on how to adopt and align with the SDGs**. There is also an opportunity to **communicate about the SDGs** more widely, both within and outside of the business community and SESEOs/ Cooperatives community.
  - d) The **Trillions of US Dollars** required to effectively finance SDGs Action Agenda Items: Research, Planning, Data/Statistics, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, Results/Measuring Success, Transparency, Accountability and Participation as One as appropriate in each specific CSnNSrRG location context, cannot be provided by 193/306 UN Member States and UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) alone. The Banks, Commercial Enterprises and SESE/Cooperatives need to be **meaningfully involved**. This is not yet the case. All obstacles need to be removed and without delay.
  - e) The **University Community – Academic Staff, Non Academic Staff, Postgraduate Students and Undergraduate Students** in Top 1000 Universities in the World Leading all Universities and Tertiary Institutions in all 193/306 UN Member States have much to contribute if all 193/306 UN member States are to achieve delivery on SDGs by end 2030 target date. These Top 1000 Universities and remaining Universities and Tertiary Institutions Worldwide need to be **meaningfully involved**. This is not yet the case. All obstacles need to be removed and without delay.
3. Without first finding **Political Solutions** to issues in (1) and (2), it will be uphill task finding remaining Sustainable Solutions – Cultural, Economic, Financial, Social, Environmental, Peace, Security, Religious, Moral, Communication, SESE/Cooperatives, Legal and Technical as appropriate in each specific CSnNSrRG location context.
4. Without making **Fourth Industrial Revolution and Fourth Agriculture Revolution Work for the over 4 Billion Poor**, it will be uphill task achieving (1) – (3).

5. Without **effectively linking** all Communities in all 193/306 UN Member States with UNO Headquarters New York; WBG and IMF Headquarters Washington and WTO (ITO) Headquarters and without all relevant National and International Stakeholders effectively “Working Together to Benefit Together” and jointly adopting Correct Diagnosis, Correct Prescription, Correct Surgery and Correct Recovery Management built upon “Separating Fact from Fiction”, “Speaking Truth to Power” and “UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) - Walking your Talk”, it will be **mission impossible** achieving delivery on SDGs Pledge in all 193/306 UN Member States and in the 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date.
6. Without **Changing Attitude and Behavior at Scale** on 193/306 UN Member States Governments: Executive, Legislature, Judiciary at all levels; UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) Headquarters, Regional Offices and Country Offices; Top 1,000 Universities Leading all remaining Universities and Tertiary Institutions Worldwide: Academic Staff, Non Academic Staff, Postgraduate Students and Undergraduate Students; Banks, Commercial Enterprises and SESE/Cooperatives – Micro, Small, Medium, Large and Transnational; National and International Media: Radio, TV, Print and Online and their National and International Partners, it will be mission impossible achieving delivery on SDGs Pledge in all 193/306 UN Member States and in the 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date.
7. Without identifying **Individuals and Institutions with Original and Unadulterated Innovative and Creative Sustainable Solutions** to one or more SDGs Action Agenda Items in each specific CSnNSrRG location context, it will be uphill task to meaningfully address (1) – (6).

### **The Way Forward – Catching Up on MDGs and Accelerating to Deliver on SDGs Pledge**

It is against this background that we urge the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and UN DESA in seeking to support 193/306 UN Member States to deliver on SDGs Pledge, in the 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date (noting that many countries will first have to catch up on MDGs), to speedily address **Inclusion, Participation and related gaps** in the HLAB, by considering and taking appropriate action on the following points:-

1. Meaningfully addressing the disproportional influence of Trained Economists in National and International Development Cooperation Strategy Design and Delivery. Trained Economists have done lot of Good but also much more Harm. The Harm Deficit cannot be remedied as long as Trained Economists who caused many of the problems in the first place remain Pilots and Drivers of effort to get 193/306 UN Member States back on Track to achieve Delivery on SDGs Pledge in 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date.
2. The HLAB Membership is disproportional in favour of US and Columbia University, New York. Yes, US and Columbia University have location advantage, but this should not override need for Inclusion and Participation balance in such important Global Advisory Board as the HLAB. There is urgent need to expand the HLAB to address Inclusion, Participation and related Gaps through respecting fair Regional / Sub-regional Representation as well as meaningful representation of Youth and Gender Balance. There is a need to ensure that HLAB work is translated from English to remaining 5 UN Official Languages; that UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) Officially Adopt 8 Worldwide Regions and ensure Inclusion and Participation from all relevant Stakeholders in these 8 Regions in all UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) Events and Activities for meaningfully supporting 193/306 UN Member States to achieve delivery on SDGs Pledge in 12 ½ years remaining to end 2030 target date. The 8 Worldwide Regions are:

- a) US, Canada & Western Europe
  - b) Eastern & Southern Africa
  - c) South Asia
  - d) West & Central Africa
  - e) Latin America & Caribbean
  - f) East Asia & Pacific
  - g) Middle East & North Africa
  - h) Central and Eastern Europe & CIS.
3. Many Professionals who have much to contribute to the work of HLAB, if it is to help UN System: UNO, WBG, IMF, WTO (ITO) to undertake Reforms necessary for Design and delivery of Re-engineering Program as well as Productivity and Quality Improvement Programs that meaningfully strengthen them to better support 193/306 UN Member States in the great Task of getting back On Track to achieve Delivery on SDGs Pledge in 12 ½ years remaining, need to be brought on board HLAB and as soon as possible. These Professionals include Development Anthropologists;  
[https://www.cairn-int.info/article-E\\_CEA\\_202\\_0563--an-application-of-anthropology-in-develo.htm](https://www.cairn-int.info/article-E_CEA_202_0563--an-application-of-anthropology-in-develo.htm)  
 Systems Reform Experts; Monitoring and Evaluation Experts etc  
<http://ieg.worldbankgroup.org/blog/rethinking-evaluation-agility>

## Conclusion

The UN HLAB is a very important Platform. Should the HLAB be reconstituted and expanded as suggested, even up to 30 Members and given improved ToR, the HLAB could help get all 193/306 UN Member States back On Track towards achieving Delivery on SDGs Pledge in the 12 ½ years remaining. The HLAB using this Paper as One of its Working Documents at its first meeting could help ensure that HPLF 2018 indeed Mark Turning Point in National and international Development Cooperation as well as in work towards achieving Delivery on SDGs Pledge in all 193/306 UN Member States.

It is our hope that Bright Prospects of Success would not be lost.

**Please help circulate Message.**

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