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We, the children and youth of the Tunza Asia Pacific Children and Youth Conference have gathered together to call upon world leaders and governments with our suggestions and recommendations between February 6th to 8th 2012. We believe urgent actions are solutions are required to tackle the most critical social and environmental challenges.

We are the generation who will be directly affected by the impact of global environmental degradation, and have important roles for the future. Therefore, we propose some fruitful suggestions to overcome the major environmental obstacles:

1. Youth should be given an opportunity in the policy making and advocacy structure of the Government.

Including youth in the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ministry of Youth Affairs as in the Youth Advisory committee which can extrapolate into a long term strategy.

2. Rating/Eco-labeling of the products should be implemented for strengthening the consumer responsibility towards sustainable lifestyles.

The Government must establish a pre-defined set of environmental norms, ensuring and supervising environmental audits with the regular monitoring for better compliance.

3. Include environmental quality indicators as a parameter of the Human Development Index.

The measure of environmental quality in sustainability development index can be done by studies and indices to indicate the progressive development in the environmental arena.

4. Promote all types of sustainable tourism and safeguard the Intellectual property rights of the indigenous community.

5. Provide equal opportunities for skills training and increase literacy for underprivileged children, youth and adults which will increase their income and well being. Local municipalities should be responsible for organizing this training under the umbrella of the national government. This training should develop skills that are local to that area demoting urbanisation.

6. Promote research and development amongst youth and provide a platform for them to share their innovative scientific ideas and projects on a global corporate scale. The teachers should be trained to give a sustainable outlook on the projects. Creating a link between the students with ideas and the corporations.



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