## Input to the UNEA-5 Ministerial Declaration

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**Economic Changes** 

The nations particularly, United States, China, Russia, India, EU and its member states and any comparatively wealthier nations should and must revise their economic strategies towards a more 'greener' and 'sustainable' manner. **New sets of indicators, parameters, policies which adhere to sustainable economic growth must be discussed and implemented within 2-5 years. Existing policies also can be modified, for both, keeping below mentioned categories to be at the centre of concern.** 

- Gender Equality
- Water
- Sustainable Energy
- Food
- Housing
- Health
- Education
- Work and Income
- Peace and Justice
- Political voice
- Social Equity

All existing climate, environmental related emergencies or environmental related concerns must begin to be catered to by assigning the level of emergency/impact to **Nature/Population first then economy.** The level of emergency could be categorized into

- Yellow (distant emergency)
- Orange (Near Emergency)
- Red (Immediate Emergency)

Funds and capacities for consistent research and development on aids toward emergencies must be reviewed and implemented timely with an educated response. Must allow Research Universities exercise their findings upon evaluation to be presented to all policymakers and relevant personnel of all UN subsidiaries.

Fossil-fuels, Alternative fuels used in industrial sectors, manufacturing, energy, IT services, other services and across all industries must adhere to an "index value" of pollution and necessary measures to be taken incase of surpassing the values.

Various plans for Societal changes scaling from ALL small to large societies towards greener lifestyle must be encouraged at government level by understanding basic elements of a society in multiple nations by categorising them and possibly incentivise the societies.

We shouldn't impose the policies and frameworks because we want to do so, it should come from the people as well. So multiple campaigns which allow people to exercise their efforts in fighting this issue and also how we could generate a sense of need, attention, permission from people in a society.

Once society shows a unique interest and effort, the corporate would recognise the same and follow through because that's where people are going. Where people go or customers go, the corporate also goes.

Consistent and stronger awareness schemes to be made available through common media which not just shows the catastrophic damage these issues can cause **but mostly showcases a GAP in their lifestyle and how our measures could fill that gap. This must be done through need generating by showcasing what people could lose through the damage and how they can gain, can be shown through instances which on media.** 

I also believe a continent like Africa, which has been formally undeveloped must be taken as a project for implementing sustainable measures throughout, so others can invest in the region and provide the people basic necessities.

We need to wake up to the fact how physical armed conflicts in regions which are prone to extreme climate change can be more catastrophic than the event itself. This occurs due to psychological changes in people because of the damage they've experienced.

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