

STATEMENT FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR PLANETARY SYNTHESIS (IPS), THE ALL-WIN NETWORK (AWN), THE ASSOCIATION OF WORLD CITIZENS (AWC) AND THE COMMONS CLUSTER OF THE UN NGO MAJOR GROUP.  
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Thank you, Madam Chair,

The IPS, AWN and the AWC are founding members of the Commons Cluster of the UN NGO Major Group. The Commons Cluster has gathered best practices from the grassroots and made them available, as relevant, to UN Member States for the past 20 years.

We wish to build on the statements of the Republic of Costa Rica, Colombia and the Kingdom of Morocco regarding their recommendation to, at least in part, ***build the programme of Stockholm +50 around discussion on the Right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.*** This right was adopted in the form of resolution 48/13 on October 18th 2021 by the UN's Human Rights Council.

Incorporating discussions on what Member States (and others) are ***specifically*** doing to implement the Right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, successes achieved and economic advantages gained, as well as ***clearly delineated problems*** encountered with the ***specific costs involved*** will emphasize what the Nations (rich and poor) making such statements are doing for our common good. This will breed goodwill and invite support both financial and in kind. The ***specificity*** will clearly show to all concerned what individual Nations are actually contributing to the well-being of all, helping to achieve success in ways no one Nation can achieve on its own.

Such a move toward working together is critical at a time when all are threatened by Climate Change, biodiversity loss, pollution, irregularities in the hydrocycle and other life and livelihood threatening environmental problems.

Financing has formed an almost insurmountable block in dealing successfully with global challenges in the area of peace and the economy (at least since I first joined the UN, 53 years ago.) Now, specifically shortcomings with regard to ODA, capacity building, CBDR and technology transfer have remained obstacles to successful negotiations. These have prevented us, as a world, from creating the strong, motivational and effective agreements needed, if we are to come to grips with the urgent environmental situations that threaten us all.

There is no need to wait. The points made by Costa Rica, Columbia and the Kingdom of Morocco point to a way forward that can be followed by Member States as they are willing. A group of Member States can be created and joined by other Member States as knowledge sharing and the benefits of working together are increasingly recognized.

. Our unity team is focussed on helping all involved in the UN to contribute to a spirit of unity within the UN, whereby the UN is a tool to help humanity to grow into a whole based on ***unity in diversity*** and centred on the well being of all including all of Nature.