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Recalling the commitments enshrined in the 2030 Agenda on SDGs

People: We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfill their potential [...].

Planet: We are determined to protect the planet from degradation [...] taking urgent action on climate change [...].

Prosperity: We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives [...].

Peace: We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence [...].

Partnership: We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity [...].

Slipping back in most of SDGs, with the present and the future not optimistic!

- generalized social tensions amid high inflation and high cost of living,
- poverty, hunger and growing food insecurity,
- economic distress fuelled by unsustainable debt burden, disruption in supply chains, currency fluctuations, high borrowing cost
- terrorism, increasing geopolitical tensions, wars, crisis,
- nefarious natural disasters amidst the triple planetary crisis which catastrophic effect we are increasingly experiencing like flood, days ago in Pakistan.

In this context, which outcomes to expect from the next SDG Summit in the context of the so called decade of action?

Some countries, after hearing promise after promise, could feel betrayed.

The narrative:

on Covid 19 disruption, on the ongoing situation in Ukraine or the energetic crisis, etc.

this narrative is short

We failed and long before the Covid 19,
long before the current situation.

We failed on the 0.70 GNI target for ODA which should have been achieved 47 years ago. 47 years ago.

We Failed on the Copenhagen and Cancun commitments to mobilize 100 billion dollars per year by 2020.

We failed on the strategic plan on Biodiversity.

We are inclined to state that:

We do fail because we do refuse purposefully to create the conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, for shared prosperity.

proactive in creating year after year new scholarly concepts and terminologies

inclusive,

responsive,

sensitive,

nature based solutions,

transformative, as if the UN were becoming more an academia than a global, operationalized development institution.

Notwithstanding,

Common sense and Means of implementation

are the real issue.

Need no additional concepts,

but need of money, financing, Technology.

Call it financing for development,

call it financing for climate action,
call it financing for building resilience in the Sendai framework.

Money and technology consistently useful to be invested into building infrastructures,
fertilizer plants,
vocational schools,
STEM and training,
green energy,
circular economy,
innovation, youth and women economic empowerment,
universal health, and so on.

Consensus on alleviating debt burden,

setting definitely into motion a fair, transparent and equitable international trade system, as well as a fair and effective international tax regime, combating illegal financial flows and securing the return of assets from corruption

so developing countries could mobilize additional local resources to be allocated for sustainable development?

There are means and tools available to fix most of the problems and challenges we are facing. Making them useful tools for sustainable development is an unyielding commitment, and a categorical imperative, quoting Immanuel Kant.

The very priority highlighted in the 70/1 Resolution, which is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. consists of eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty.

concerning shifting from the priorities stated in the SDGs Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Climate Agreement, to such a kind of human right and humanitarian Agenda:

Indeed,

- There is financing from donors, all but for sexual education health and right.
- instead of contextualizing mechanisms to empower the women enslaved by poverty, why focus on semantic issues like: “especially women in all their diversity”.
- intellectual property as the expense of transfer of technology to build on resilience, infrastructures.
- mobilization of local resources and the necessity of good governance but silencing the fact some countries are destinations of illegal financial flows, and beneficiary of tax avoidance depriving developing countries of substantial resources to allocate in sustainable development.

From our perspective, it is expected from the SDG Summit, effective action to make reality the means of implementation deriving from the promised revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity.

That does require respect, trust, trustworthiness, consistency, leadership.

Yet, we have got the vision,

we have got the guideline,

we have got the master plan and the institutions.

but

- We lack adequate means.
- We need to rebuild on neutrality and on consensual issues.
- The leadership is missing, and that's when we absolutely need it.

Hopefully, we have achieved noticeable progress in science and technology,

so that with renewed ambition, strong political will, we could achieve in 8 years what we failed to do in decades.

Let's free the human race from the tyranny of poverty [...] let's heal and secure our planet. If not, it could be the End of History, to quote Fukuyama.