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declaration

**Knowledge and Innovation
for the Sustainable
Development Goals,
Climate Action and
Inclusive Circular Economies**



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Development Network

The Innovation Network for Sustainable Development (inno4sd network) initiative, founded by the European Commission in 2015, aims to consolidate a global community around green and social innovation, foster collaboration and knowledge sharing and, give impetus to climate action and the circular economy in order to achieve sustainable development. This requires the commitment of different actors for the implementation of public policies and action-oriented solutions that, in coordination with the academic, scientific and civil society efforts, grant their support to them, mobilise resources and work on implementation of innovations for addressing the most pressing global challenges. In order to accomplish this, the following points are proposed:

BACKGROUND

Addressing substantial progress at the transnational level to develop long-term objectives with a shared vision to address the challenges of sustainability, especially through the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement, adopted in 2015.

We are aware that global scientific and technological efforts added to experience are indispensable for the practical resolution of problems, the attention of global efforts for sustainable development and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals as well as the fight against the effects of climate change.

We are convinced that, in order to address substantial environmental and social concerns, fundamental changes are required in our production and consumption systems, as well as multidimensional processes and, above all, the involvement of multiple actors and sectors, the following statement is proposed:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

First. It is a first step towards the creation of a global community connected with a joint vision and to consolidate knowledge and innovation, which includes the interest of researchers, academia and business professionals, as well as political actors and decision-makers,

Second. It aims to create an international partnership of stakeholders in the promotion and use of knowledge, science, technology and innovation, as key facilitators in the transformation towards more prosperous, inclusive and environmentally sustainable for the societies.

Third. It addresses the need of appropriate guidance to face a series of high-level priorities in the design and implementation of technological, social and institutional policies to take advantage of the transformative potential of innovation in the development, exchange and circulation of knowledge to provide potential solutions, through the interaction of the relevant actors.

Fourth. It facilitates communication channels, spaces and platforms to foster debates and develop relevant strategies through collaborations and knowledge exchanges, on solutions and implementation modalities, supporting the innovative potential at various levels (international, national, local).

Fifth. It creates and maintains knowledge flow networks and policy-science knowledge brokerage that contributes to make proposals that can lead to a fairer and more effective distribution of opportunities and best practices fostering broad participation with stakeholders (business, research, civil society and communities) for ensuring wide acceptance of the objectives and means of implementation for sustainability solutions, inclusive innovation processes and attention to social collateral losses and benefits.

Sixth. It contributes to the scientific input and its necessary interaction with public policies for innovative and sustainable development, it facilitates the connection with cross-cutting issues to constantly combine other forms of knowledge and encourages critical dialogue between actors representing different sectors, which allows to diversify and enrich knowledge-brokerage through different perspectives and foundations.

Seventh. It focuses on addressing the needs of emerging knowledge and new types of learning and knowledge interactions, in support of innovation for sustainable development, through the promotion of inclusion, good practices, the search for consensus and the contribution to the implementation of divers' policies.

Eighth. It promotes the adhesion of different entities and stakeholders to join this non-binding declaration on the role of knowledge and innovation in support of the SDGs, launched on November 7, 2018, at the European Parliament, in Brussels, Belgium.

CALL FOR JOINT ACTION

The innovation for sustainable development network invites interested parties to join forces as action partners, knowledge partners, network partners, financiers and/or strategic partners in the accomplishment of joint missions for the implementation of policies and action-oriented solutions. Flagship initiatives that use innovation for addressing global sustainability challenges require a coordinated effort between and across disciplines, perspectives and profiles.

A dedicated platform at the inno4sd website is available for parties interested in contributing with/showcasing publications, knowledge tools, educational programmes, projects, etc. topics being addressed include, but are not restricted to, environmental and social innovation for the SDGs, climate action, circular economy, biodiversity conservation, etc: <http://new.inno4sd.net/global-initiative-page>



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