



Declaration of Priorities

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation Declaration of Priorities 2020

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In the face of pressing global issues ranging from climate change to intra-state conflict, change is necessary to rectify the course of the world towards greater sustainability and inclusivity. As such, the Friendship Ambassadors community unites through youth leadership and action to make an impact in addressing these issues by contributing to achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The global Friendship Ambassadors community commits to this Declaration of Priorities 2020. The Declaration aligns and sets the agenda and top priorities that will guide the collective work of the Friendship Ambassadors community henceforth in the following issues: Environmental Sustainability, Human Development, and Peace.

PRIORITIES

Environment

Increasingly ambitious mitigation and adaptation solutions are needed to tackle pollution, climate change, environmental disasters, and biodiversity loss to achieve environmental sustainability by 2030. We, the global Friendship Ambassadors community, prioritize the following SDGs based on the crucial needs in each respective region: SDG 6 clean water and sanitation, SDG 7 affordable and clean energy, SDG 11 sustainable cities and communities, SDG 12 responsible consumption and production, SDG 13 climate action, and SDG 15 life on land. While a forward looking and holistic framework of priorities is of the utmost importance, we recognize that each Goal's success is interdependent on each other. Thus, achieving one goal will contribute to the success of the other goals outlined in the Agenda 2030.

Recognizing SDG 13 on climate action as an overarching Goal to achieve the Agenda 2030 and noting the interconnected nature of the Goals, we strive to tackle SDG 6 on water and sanitation for all and SDG 12 on responsible consumption and production. In line with these, we the Friendship Ambassadors community will give priority treatment to the following targets under each respective Goal:



► *SDG 6 Water and Sanitation for All*

By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe, affordable drinking water (6.1), and adequate and equitable hygiene and sanitation for all (6.2), including by reducing and removing pollutants/hazardous waste and increasing recycling and safe reuse (6.3).



► *SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production Patterns*

Achieve environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes (12.4), reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse (12.5), promote sustainable public procurement practices (12.7), and support developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity for sustainable consumption and production patterns (12.A).



► *SDG 13 Climate Action*

Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning (13.3).

Human Development

Human development's focus on poverty goes beyond the lack of income and resources to ensure a sustainable livelihood. Its manifestations include cross-cutting issues such as hunger and malnutrition, limited access to education and other basic services, social discrimination and exclusion, as well as lack of participation in decision-making. Human development is the capability to live a long and healthy life with dignity, with an emphasis on investing in people.

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We, the global Friendship Ambassadors community, prioritize the following SDGs based on the crucial needs in each respective region: SDG 1 end poverty in all its forms everywhere, SDG 2 end hunger, SDG 3 ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, SDG 4 ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong opportunities for all, SDG 5 achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, SDG 8 decent work and economic growth and full and productive employment for all, SDG 10 reduce inequality within and among countries.

We recognize that human development encompasses critical issues that are woven into a seamless cause-and-effect nexus. Accounting for the most pertinent goals for our youth community, we strive to tackle SDG 4 on quality education and SDG 10 on reduced inequalities. In line with these human development goals, the Friendship Ambassadors community will give priority treatment to the following targets under each respective Goal.



► *SDG 4 Quality Education*

By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education (4.1), and access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education (4.2), ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education (4.3), eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and training for vulnerable populations (4.5), ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development (4.7), build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments (4.A), substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to developing countries (4.B), substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers (4.C).



► *SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities*

By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 percent of the population (10.1), empower and promote social, economic and political inclusion of all (10.2), ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws (10.3), adopt social protection policies to achieve greater equality (10.4), encourage official development assistance and financial flows to States where the need is greatest (10.B).

Peace

The following problems continue to threaten global peace: interstate and intrastate conflict, violence, human rights abuses, corruption, and non-inclusive governance institutions among others. All sectors of society must work together to overcome barriers to peace in their communities and the world by reducing violence, delivering justice, combating corruption, and enabling inclusive participation at all times.

We, the global Friendship Ambassadors community, prioritize SDG 16 to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions, based on the crucial needs in each respective region. We recognize that global peace is inextricably linked with environment and human development Goals. Therefore, we give priority treatment to the following targets:



► *SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions*

Significantly reduce all forms of violence (16.1), end abuse, exploitation, trafficking, violence, and torture against children (16.2), promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all (16.3), substantially reduce corruption and bribery (16.5), develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions (16.6), ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels (16.7), strengthen developing countries' participation in global institutions (16.8), strengthen national institutions' capacities to prevent violence (16.A), promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies (16.B).