

## **Contribution from UNEP accredited NGO Group**

- 1 The commitment and specific roles of the government into complying to these declarations must be clearly stated and highlighted
- 2 There is a need to include article about strengthen harmonization across sectors to ensure creating a platform for innovation, while driving sustainability
- 3 The civil society role is essential for global governance and resolving environmental issues. Thus, strengthening and enhancing the role of MG/Stakeholders and especially NGOs
- .4 stating the importance of Participation of MG/Stakeholders, civil society in particular, in decision making process throughout the process, in a full, complete , transparent, active participatory manner.
- 5 It is important to promote the transfer, dissemination, and diffusion of innovative sustainable solutions through networking, knowledge-sharing and capacity building for a global movement towards sustainability.
- 6 financing mechanisms and various modalities of cooperation must be undertaken and highlighted in this declaration
- .7 Private sector should be asked to assume responsibility towards the society by financially contributing in environmental education and community empowerment (especially vulnerable groups)
- 8 Income and tax policies that restrict consumption activities, and promote sustainable consumption and production has to be acknowledged
- 9 Marine litter , pollution , habitat destruction and micro plastic has to be highlighted well in this declaration especially it is a UN priority
- 10 Protection of Environmental Rights Defenders must be highlighted.
- .11 Attention to communities under occupation, wars and conflicts.
- .12 Dealing with NGOs/ Civil Society / MG/Stakeholders as partners in protecting the environment and finding innovative green solutions.
- .13 Reference and commitment to existing international ethical norms and standards such as the principles and core subjects and stakeholders approach in ISO26000 for Social Responsibility  
with special emphasis on the principles and values and core subjects of ISO26000.
- 14. Since Global Environmental Outlook exists, then it has to be adopted and followed at the national level. I did not see any consideration for this important publication here
- 15 The CBD; a UN convention has created the clearing house mechanism (CHM), but it is not highlight, and instead, the first article state to develop a new mechanism?
- 16 Promote the implementation of ISO 26000 standards for social responsibility.
- 17 There should be a consideration to international eco-certification

programs as a tool for sustainable development

- 18 There should be an article to encourage a system of penalties and incentives to guide the sustainable production

General notes:

- 19 Co-management of natural resources concept is needed (government and civil society) with an ultimate aim to develop livelihood

- 20 There should be a specific article to encourage private sector to be part of environmental education and conservation

.21 the sense of partnership and right to access to information by local communities, groups or individuals, and NGOs should be clear all over the document

.22 Since these articles are dealing with the use of data, then a consideration to bridge the gaps between the least vulnerable groups (communities and stakeholders) to access data

.23 freedom of speech, encouraging NGOs to share their views, encouraging media to publish the views of NGOs in environmental issues, decisions and actions, and also local communities even if it is different, and especially if it is different, than the view of the government . calling for a true environmental media that helps in understanding and clearing the environmental views of experts, researchers and dedicated environmental NGOs.