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COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being, and
dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its
forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda**

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in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council***

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

In accordance to the provisional agenda and documentation for the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD60), The African Cultural Promotions Inc and The Irene Menakaya Schools, education NGO working to promote the Sustainable Development Goals and targets through education and cultural for developing communities, welcomes the priority theme of Commission on “Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda”.

As highlighted in the Virtual Expert Group Meeting on “Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda “areas of attention include:

- i. Priorities for short- and long-term responses for more inclusive and resilient recovery
- ii. Social protection systems, including short-term emergency measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 crisis
- iii. Innovative strategies to sustainably finance social protection systems, especially in low income countries
- iv. Tools to analyze multiple dimensions of poverty and food insecurity at the national and regional levels
- v. The impact of the COVID-19 crisis on poverty and hunger

With the onset of COVID19 and its effect to humanity, regions and nations experienced many setbacks in terms of their fight and struggle to achieve the 2030 Development Agenda. The impact exacerbated certain effects on regions.

Latin American and the Caribbean region were hard hit compounded by the impact of climate change, disasters, migration, changes in the world of work due to technological changes, and social unrest as well as the structural inequality.

Africa’s structured development had some success in eradicating poverty and hunger before the COVID-19 crisis, but the pandemic created a significant poverty increase leading to an estimated 55 million people or more into extreme poverty.

The Arab Region and Asia and the Pacific encountered a even worse situation of poverty, contributing to the preexisting strong negative impacts of conflict, political instability, and displacement of the poor and middle class in some countries. Efforts to tackle poverty have not adequately addressed multiple deprivations, rural-urban and subnational divides, or the accentuated vulnerability of various social groups.

COVID-19 crisis enabled global opportunity to reset socio-economic policies and unveil new policy initiatives for innovative emergency measures, create platforms that could enable long-term inclusive, and resilient recovery across communities. The crisis also enabled opportunities to enhance priorities on diversity in emergency responses.

As the COVID19 pandemic has highlighted devastating impact on social development around the world, especially in the most vulnerable communities, the African Cultural Promotions Inc and Irene Menakaya Schools affirms that education and promotion of culture across communities places humanity at a convergence to reposition themselves towards an “Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19

for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all thereby eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda”.

African Cultural Promotions Inc and Irene Menakaya Schools recognize that the global community is transitioning towards a knowledge-based economy that could be harnessed through education and cultural inclusion.

Our organizations posit that cultural advancement of community resources could be utilized to eradicate poverty and hunger in all its forms from communities.

Our organizations realize the broadening of disparity with an increasing concentration on wealth and influence on policy, in income, wealth, access to education, safe and nutritious food, social protection is a substantial barrier towards eradicating poverty and hunger in achieving sustainable development.

Our organizations believe that education and cultural inclusion can be used to bridge the gap in marginalized communities by the utilization of relevant materials and access to cultural language.

Our organizations noted that as highlighted by the COVID19 pandemic, inequalities in the most vulnerable communities are more pronounced and harder to bridge the poverty and hunger gaps.

Our organizations affirm through “My Child is My Pride Project” affective education programs should be created to include social and technology education as platform to educate community dwellers about issues enacting action on technology education to fit into the adjustment of the new normal as well as best practices in furthering action for repositioning and technology education for community development.

Our organizations through MUSICULTURE Project affirms that Cultural Lifestyle should be adopted to promote cultural practices thereby providing education on community understanding on inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID19 on poverty and hunger.

Our organizations affirm that action on poverty eradication and ending hunger should utilize qualitative and compassionate services through promotion of education and general development of the community.

Our organizations admonish that strengthening the link between community and the government through advocacy and capacity building should allow inclusion of community stakeholders on grounds of affirmative action.

Our organization consider “Maslow Hierarchy Need” balancing should be utilized to strengthen, knowledge management systems and sustainable resource mobilization mechanisms for stronger communities.

Diverse measures and policy recommendations on “Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being, and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda” should include

- Universal access to basic social services and social protection within community
- Develop work force opportunities that could increase productivity in the community to advance economic growth, and investment in human resource development
- Promoting resources that generate productive employment, and encouraging self-employment, entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises

- Adopt labor market strategies that could improve on market profits through trade exchange opportunities among communities
- Highlights holistic approach methods for concrete actions with measurable outcomes to ensure comprehensive Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda” in all round global movement into the Decade of SDG Actions
- For economically just transition to Sustainable Development, there must be aggressive mitigation, advocacy and sensitization to drive technology and digital access with right policy formulation and extreme prioritization to increase access to technology.

The 60th Session of the Commission on Social Development should enable opportunities for global inclusion of community marketing strategy and Maslow Hierarchy Needs that will enable improvement towards sustainable eradication of poverty and ending of hunger in addressing “Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger”, in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda in communities.
