

Thank you Mr. Chairman
Distinguished delegates and participants of the CSD

In 1992 there was an Agenda. In 1997 there was a Program for Further Implementation. In 2002, there was a Plan of Implementation. At CSD 11, there is now a Plan for Implementation for the Implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. And because of this we have a question: Where is the implementation? (Our apologies to the translators for the confusion. We are also confused. Aren't you?)

In Johannesburg we looked back 10 years. For the last two weeks we have been planning for the next ten years. Now we must look at reality. While we have been meeting here in this consumption island, debating yet another plan, half a million children have died of hunger and preventable diseases in the entire planet. Let me repeat that: half a million children. Dead. And many more people are dying, are human rights dying with them? The debate on the should's, or maybe's and bracketed text will not save lives, it will not save us.

Last year the UN-AIDS programme estimated that there were 5 million new HIV infections world-wide. The devastating effect of this pandemic on the economies, communities, and the environment worldwide is beyond comprehension. Wake up, and open your minds for a minute. (all it takes is for you to open your minds for a minute), because at this rate, in under one minute, every single one of us here in this room would have HIV according to the above statistics.

Here we are again, the voice of youth, participating yet suffocating every day in the lifeless halls of the United Nations. We are one global community representing the diversity of every race, creed, ethnic groups and nationality but still we cannot find a coherent pathway for reconciliation, we seem to be many years and miles away from each other. For 30 years we have heard the same arguments, yet here we are again – discussing, disgusted by the sluggishness of real progress.

For each session of each conference, each time we try to reach international consensus, we must not forget the root goals, the reason we're here: LIFE, our life and life on Earth.

Can you remember your childhood? That place in time where you were full of hopes and dreams, enchanted by every little gift nature had to give you? When every cloud gave you a story, when the wind gave you a breath for each and every day that went by, and when the Sun gave you a reason just to be more and more and more?

Ten years after Rio, it is irrelevant to discuss priorities over water, energy, oceans, and it is more irrelevant if in ten years time the problems still remain. You governments of the world have been talking long enough, and yet our future continues to be compromised. And you have missed the most basic and fundamental foundation for achieving sustainable development; education. Are you aware that the future of all of this depends on a decision you can make?

Governments can be the most powerful medium of global change but you cannot build a sustainable world alone. You need help. You ask for experts but you forget that we, the stakeholders and representatives of major groups are here – now – to help you. We are the experts in our own capacity in the issues which affect us – try listening .

We have heard you question on the ability of the major groups to represent their constituencies, yet the solution is clear. Help us achieve what we have been trying to do all along. Help us to reach out to our constituencies by setting up national multi-stakeholder councils for sustainable development.

Sustainable development implementation mechanisms have a key role in reducing poverty through local sustainable ways of production, especially during times of terrorism and international insecurity. It is through sustainable development and not aggression that international security will be assured.

We the voice of the youth and all the people that are concerned and affected by the ongoing destruction that never seems to stop, have to make decisions together

We the voice of the youth invite you to make this difficult decisions with all the people that are concerned and that are affected by the ongoing destruction that never seems to stop. Listen and consider local positive experience, women and men that have fought for years for a sustainable life, for justice, for equity, but please listen and feel that you are not alone, you have your fellow human comrades willing to help, not to interfere, we are in this together, we are all one.

So if we are in this together we ask you, why are you turning your back? Why are you still adding in every sentence you write towards the implementation of Sustainable Development a “we should”? Is that Implementation? Is there an actual plan? Are you still human? are you still part of this world or are you just another piece of furniture of the UN scenery?

We are the stakeholders now and the stakeholders of the future, we demand action, we demand participation, we have a responsibility towards the world, and you toward us.

So if you remember your childhood and the vision and passion of your youth, when you possessed great energy, act ! , you have spent far too long in this building. Remember your childhood, REMEMBER YOUTH.