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Summit Resolutions

Committee 1: Committee on Cooperation, Inclusivity and Development

Topic: Advancing Green Technologies and AI for Sustainable Development

Sponsors: Belize, Papua New Guinea, The Bahamas, Malta, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu

Signatories: Trinidad and Tobago, Malawi, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia

The Committee,

Affirming the critical role of green technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) in driving sustainable development across Commonwealth member states,

Emphasizing the need for a collective and coordinated approach within the Commonwealth to harness the benefits of green technologies and AI for environmental sustainability, economic growth, and social inclusion,

Guided by the principles of the Commonwealth Charter, particularly those related to sustainable development, protecting the environment, recognition of the needs of small member states and the promotion of technological innovation,

Recognizing the urgent need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation through the adoption of advanced technologies,

Highlighting the potential of AI to optimize the use of green technologies, enhance resource efficiency, and create new opportunities for green jobs,

Reaffirming the importance of addressing ethical considerations, including data privacy, security, and public trust, in the deployment of AI technologies,

Deeply convinced of the necessity to support member states in developing and implementing national policies and strategies that integrate AI and green technologies,

Further acknowledging the disparities in technological infrastructure and capacity among member states and the need for knowledge sharing and capacity building,

Taking note of the successful adoption and implementation of green technologies and AI in various member states, serving as models for others,

The Committee on Cooperation, Inclusivity and Development,

1. **Defines** green technologies as technologies that are environmentally friendly, conserve natural resources, and promote sustainable development, and AI as the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems, which can be applied to optimize green technologies;

2. **Exhorts** Member States to uphold and promote the development and adoption of green technologies and AI by:
 - a. Establishing national frameworks and policies which encourage innovation and sustainable practices by 2027;
 - b. Ensuring that these technologies are accessible to all member states, particularly developing nations by 2027;
 - c. Promoting public-private partnerships to foster innovation and investment in green technologies and AI;
 - d. Developing green technology and AI focused educational programs and initiatives aimed at equipping young people with the skills and knowledge to drive future innovations;
 - e. Creating platforms to encourage youth participation in policy-making processes related to sustainable development, ensuring their voices and ideas are included in decision making processes. The United Nations Youth Strategy emphasizes the importance of youth engagement in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. **Recommends** the development of country-specific AI policies and strategies across member states by 20230 which:
 - a. Encourage innovation while addressing critical issues such as data privacy, security, and trust;
 - b. Include guidelines for ethical AI development and deployment, ensuring transparency and accountability;
 - c. Promote the use of AI in enhancing green technologies and environmental preservation.
4. **Encourages** the creation and advancement of green jobs within Member States by 20230 by:
 - a. Investing in renewable energy projects, sustainable agriculture, and environmental conservation;
 - b. Supporting training and educational programs to build a skilled workforce in the green technology and AI industries;
 - c. Fostering inclusive economic growth that benefits all communities, including marginalized groups;
5. **Urges** Member States to prioritize environmental preservation by:
 - a. Integrating AI in monitoring ecosystems, managing natural resources, and predicting environmental changes;
 - b. Implementing policies that protect biodiversity and mitigate the impacts of climate change;
 - c. Encouraging sustainable practices across all sectors of the economy;
6. **Calls for** enhanced collaboration and knowledge sharing among Member States by:
 - a. Establishing a Commonwealth-wide platform by 2026 for sharing best practices, technological innovations, and successful case studies;
 - b. Facilitating technical assistance and capacity building programs to support the adoption of green technologies and AI;

- c. Organizing workshops, seminars, and conferences to promote dialogue and cooperation;
7. **Supports** the establishment of a Commonwealth Green Technology and AI Fund by 2025 to:
- a. Provide financial support for the deployment of green technologies and AI in developing Member States;
 - b. Subsidize the cost of renewable energy projects, AI-driven initiatives, and capacity-building programs;
 - c. Encourage investment from private sector stakeholders and international partners.
8. **Encourages** the adoption of the following principles for developing AI policies and strategies:
- a. Establish robust frameworks to protect personal and sensitive data,
 - b. Develop guidelines to govern AI development and deployment, promoting fairness and accountability,
 - c. Ensure that AI systems are transparent and explainable, building public trust and acceptance.
9. **Recommends** the integration of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power into national grids, reducing reliance on non-renewable energy. For instance, the Global Wind Energy Council reports that wind power alone could provide 35% of global electricity needs by 2050.
10. **Urges** the use of energy-efficient technologies and sustainable practices across all sectors, including transportation, construction, and agriculture. The International Energy Agency (IEA) states that energy efficiency improvements could deliver over 40% of the reduction in energy-related emissions required to meet global climate goals.
11. **Recommends** that member states consider the potential of AI and green technologies to:
- a. Improve efficiency in energy use, transportation, and waste management,
 - b. Enhance disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and response efforts,
 - c. Support sustainable development in sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and infrastructure;
12. **Requests** the Commonwealth Secretariat to:
- a. Set up a monitoring team of experts to monitor the progress of member states in implementing green technologies, AI and related innovative solutions
 - b. Provide technical assistance and resources to support national initiatives on green technologies and AI through a well-established center of excellence,
 - c. Facilitate periodic reviews and assessments to ensure continuous improvement and adaptation of policies.

Committee 2: Committee on Governance, Security and Internationalization

Topic: Promoting Youth Participation in Democratic Processes and Decision-Making

Sponsors: Rwanda, Eswatini, Nigeria, South Africa, Guyana

Signatories: Malaysia, Gabon, Bangladesh, Namibia, Nauru

The Committee,

Highlighting UNDP Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund (DGTTF) called for a proposal in the training of the youth as effective leaders, extending justice, and opening space for youth empowerment and democratic governance,

Reaffirming that despite the enormous youth demographics, the participation remains limited, but various programs exist,

Expressing particular concern about African Governance Report (2020) on 65% of Africa's youth lack adequate knowledge about democratic processes and their rights as citizens,

Recognizes that drastic efforts must be made to encourage the youth to take part in democratic and political processes,

The Committee on Governance, Security and Internationalization,

1. **Emphasis** on the education of the youth in member countries about democratic processes, its advantages, effects and to inculcate the desire to be a part of decision-making and democratic processes,
2. **Urges all** to establish youth councils and youth authorities that will create spaces for national dialogue among the youth and also create an atmosphere to encourage the Youth in taking up political positions,
3. **Encourages** that member states should take into consideration that the changing economic atmosphere by in countries should create employment opportunities to support the youth,
4. **Emphasizes** that member states should have an age limit for most political portfolios and in order to promote youth participation in democracy and decision-making,
5. **Urges** for mentorship and internship inclusion in policy making to increase youth representation and youth voices in decision-making processes,
6. **Further** urges all member states to allocate resources for climate action initiatives using advanced technology to detect and address climate issue,
7. **Reaffirms** the implement of programs to educate and sensitize the youth on governance systems and their roles within them,
8. **Request** for the establishment of youth-focused bodies such as youth parliaments and youth advisory councils to ensure youth representation in decision-making processes,
9. **Decides** to design a common framework among Commonwealth nations to ensure robust monitoring, evaluation, and continuous improvement of youth development programs,

10. **Urges all** member states to provide free access to digital technology training and opportunities, such as virtual assistantship and internships in technology and IT mainly focusing on rural areas,
11. **Request** member states to enhance media representation of youth in political discussions and national issues to ensure their voices are heard,
12. **Request** for increase parental awareness of youth empowerment initiatives and involve the elderly in supporting these initiatives,
13. **Decides** to introducing elementary school students to leadership conferences and summits organized by Commonwealth Framework to foster early leadership development and exposure to global governance concepts,
14. **Urges all** member states to improve the mindset of youth by targeting and correcting misconceptions about various career paths.

Committee 3: Committee on Education, Social and Environment

Topic 1A: Promoting Women's Political Participation and Leadership in the Commonwealth

Sponsors: United Kingdom, Canada, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, India

Signatories: Maldives, Nigeria, Kenya, Kiribati, Ghana, Lesotho, Antigua and Barbuda, Seychelles, Grenada, Cyprus, Belize, Togo, Barbados

The Committee,

Restating the creation and mandates of the commonwealth women forum,

Acknowledging the commitments made by Commonwealth member states to promote gender equality as outlined in the Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWIL) programme held in Barbados on 27 April, the Commonwealth Charter particularly Article 12 and relevant international instruments,

Expressing its appreciation for the inclusion of women in the Commonwealth Youth Council and Commonwealth Secretariat,

Welcoming the efforts of the Commonwealth to promote gender equality but recognizing that more needs to be done to achieve tangible results;

Concerned by the underrepresentation of women in leadership roles across various sectors within the Commonwealth affirmed by the Commonwealth Secretariat in the commonwealth plan of action for gender equality 2005-2015,

Fully aware of the socio-cultural beliefs, violence and stereotyping facing women,

1. **Recommends** cooperation between Commonwealth Women Forum, Commonwealth Business Forum and developing member nations to sponsor women and train women in women dominated industries to become the leaders and industry key players,
2. **Calls on** Common Press Union to collaborate with member nations prominent media outlets to project and market positive representation of women in leadership and politic,
3. **Recommends** quotas and reservations in electoral, organisational and informal sectors to allow balance equality, and diversity on the solution table,
4. **Urges** member nations to promote and launch public awareness campaign to condemn stereotypes and other cultural biases or barriers that hinder women's participation in order to promote more capabilities of women,
5. **Encourage** member nations to urge Political Parties to hold mentorship, network and allyship programs for emerging women leaders to shadow and learn from experienced politicians,
6. **Beckons** member nations to enact, enforce and reinforce legislative laws and discriminatory sexual and harassment policies to curb gender-based violence,
7. **Further invites** member states to organise Biennial Commonwealth Women's Leadership Conferences to create an inclusive platform for women leaders to share experiences, challenges, and strategies for overcoming barriers to leadership,

8. **Encourages** partnerships with civil society, private sector, and international organizations to promote and support initiatives for women in leadership,
9. **Urges** nations to bridge gender paid gaps through improvement in the work-life balance and flexibility for women.

Committee 3: Committee on Education, Social and Environment

Topic 1B: Combating Climate Change and Promoting Sustainable Development Goals.

Sponsors: United Kingdom, Singapore, Canada, New Zealand, Kenya, Maldives,

Signatories: Lesotho, Nigeria, Australia, Kiribati, India, Ghana, Togo, Seychelles, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Cyprus

The Committee,

Acknowledging the shared commitment of Commonwealth member states to promote peace, democracy, and sustainable development as outlined in the Paris Agreement,

Restating the creation and mandate of the Commonwealth Blue Charter and responsible of action group nation volunteers,

Reaffirming the Commonwealth's dedication to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 15 (Life on Land) by the year 2030,

Recognizing that climate change is a critical global challenge that threatens environmental sustainability, human health, and economic stability,

Noting the increasing global gas emissions and effect of harsh global warming,

Stressing the excessive use and increasing effect of oil and gas and fossil fuel,

Further noting the contribution of global disorder, war and protest,

1. **Recommends** innovative agricultural strategies like AI for precision farming to minimise resource and desalination technologies for island nations to convert seawater into clean fresh water;
2. **Encourages** all Commonwealth member states to:
 - a. **Enhance** their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in alignment with the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C, with efforts to restrict it to 1.5°C,
 - b. **Adopt** national and regional policies that prioritize renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions,
3. **Requests** member nations yearly rated eco-innovation index as a robust control and monitoring mechanisms and reinforcing deviating countries to help significantly progress climate action and SDG achievements within the Commonwealth,
4. **Advocates** for the integration of climate resilience and sustainability into national development plans and strategies by member states, to ensure that economic progress aligns with environmental protection,

5. **Urges** Governments of member nations, businesses and individuals to inspire actions of sustainable green procurement in their operations by ensuring tendering prioritises and selects most environmentally friendly entity,
6. **Encourages** member states to implement green infrastructure, sustainable urban development, and nature-based solutions to build resilient communities across the Commonwealth,
7. **Advocates** for robust transition from a theoretical conversation among heads of states approach to a more practical audience approach through,
 - a. ***Employment*** of art forms like literature, plays, music, film, novels, educational campaigns and community initiatives.
 - b. ***Promote*** the integration of climate and sustainability education into national school curricula to cultivate informed and proactive citizens.
8. **Beckons** member states, where the enhancement of adaptation and resilience is concerned, to:
 - a. ***Make*** increased investment in adaptation measures and disaster risk reduction strategies to protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from climate impacts.
 - b. ***Support*** the development and sharing of best practices and early warning systems to improve preparedness and response to climate-related disasters; and
9. **Calls** for the provisioning of regular reviews and updates of climate strategies and policies based on scientific research, best practices, and evolving global conditions.