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Thank you very much for the invitation.

This is a very important Forum.

This Forum takes place at a crucial moment in our human history.

A moment:

1.- When Humanity lives, for the first time, in a planetary collective society.

What happens in one corner of the world affects everyone, everywhere. It is vital to understand the sources of growth and its sustainability.

2.- When the term “independence” must be changed by “interdependence”.

No country's growth prospects are independent of other countries.

This is even more relevant when a hand-full of countries dominate the growth possibilities of the rest of the world.

In simple words, if China or India collapse the whole planet will collapse.

The big motto is: “I am because you are, and you are because I am”.

3.- When ‘The Planet’ faces a huge and, may be, an irreversible ecological crisis.

We are aware that the existing ecological instability translates into social and economic instability.

It is impossible to attain sustainable growth without ecological stability.

4.- When the constraints to economic growth are not purely technological, but ecological and biological in nature.

Just think about global warming, climate change, biodiversity depletion, pollution of water and air, the loss of our natural forest, pollution of the oceans and rivers...

5.- When our societies are moving from market-based economic systems and institutions to right-based ones.

It is evident today that the “Economic Calculus” is overridden by a “Human-Rights-Based Calculus” and an “Ethics Calculus”, in search for justice and peace.

This is particularly evident in countries that are seeking the Welfare

State.

This has tremendous implications for policy design and implementation at all levels of decision making.

Here, I refer to human rights in all their dimensions, including The Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and The Right to Development.

As I have studied, they are all essential determinants of economic growth, capital accumulation and stability.

6- When our societies face not only instability as regards markets and other associated institutions, but also instabilities from social injustice in all their dimensions.

We are even facing instability because of our inability to attain Sustainable Development: “economic sustainability”, “ecological sustainability” and “social sustainability”.

7.- When we face the weakest international institutional system to govern our Global Commons.

Our Global Public Goods: oceans, glaciers, climate, biodiversity, ozone layer, migration, security, peace...

The views within the existing Multilateral System are still dominated by a few countries and not by a Planetary Vision of our common destiny.

Major reforms of this system are needed.

8.- When there is an increasing empowerment of civil society everywhere, with demands by communities and NGOs to fully participate in decision making.

The power of civil society has greatly increased through social media and other existing means of communication.

Thus,

Economic growth depends not only on material inputs, outputs and markets but, more importantly, on the stability of the existing human and social environment, including world peace and security. sustainability” and “social sustainability”.

Economic growth is not only about accumulation of physical and financial capital.

It goes far beyond that, including human capital, natural capital, institutional capital, cultural capital and spiritual capital.

In this new “Composite of Global Growth”, people’s behavior, social demands, existing institutions, organizational structures and incentives must be considered.

After World War II, THE SPINE CORD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WELLBEING was material prosperity to combat material scarcity and poverty.

That spine cord had to be accompanied by the needed financial resources to achieve such prosperity.

This justified the creation of the World Bank and the IMF.

Free markets were supposed to be the engine of growth.

This justified the creation of the World Trade Organization.

But the world has dramatically change since World War II.

The limits to growth and material prosperity, to resolve the multifaceted problems facing our societies, has reached its capacities.

- It is not just about more matter and material prosperity.
- It is about collective human welfare.
- It is about constructing a new civilization, with a completely different spine cord.

Simply said: it is far beyond traditional material economic growth.

Where material economic growth is only a necessary condition to stability but it is not a sufficient condition.

The “beginning of the new road ahead” is not only about economic

efficiency per-se, but it embraces equity and social justice.

The new spine cord of the road ahead is “SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH AND EMPOWERED CITIZENRY”.

This is why I declare in this event that:

THE NEW AND ONLY COMMON DESTINY FOR HUMANITY, WE MUST BE ASPIRING FOR, IS AN ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION.

It is through this new spine cord that we will live in a peaceful, stable and just world.

I CALL ALL THE WORLD LEADERS TO EMBRACE THE PATH TOWARDS AN ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION.

The only acceptable destiny for humanity will surge from an Ecological Civilization.

In my view, there is no other option.

The leaders in this Forum, particularly the youth, have to face the moral imperative linked to the construction of such a Civilization.

Today’s paradigm of Individual Materialism will never let an Ecological Civilization bloom.

This is why “the non-material dimensions of life’, like the realization of “spiritual and human values’, like self-identity and sense of belonging, are essential for an Ecological Civilization.

The creation of an Ecological Civilization should concentrate all our efforts.

The leaders present here, today, should ask themselves:

- What stops us from moving swiftly into an Ecological Civilization?
- What is the proper narrative that we should communicate within our societies to transform our life on earth?

Part of the answer, has to do with **THE POWER AND POLITICS** with regard to the ownership, access, exploitation, use, and management of our “Common

Public Goods’.

No economic, social and institutional system has successfully dealt with this issue yet.

The World Growth Forum is our greatest instance to do so.

The World Growth Forum is our great hope.

We must act now.

Tomorrow will be too late.

For this civilization to surge, there must be a specific form of “Collective Planetary Consciousness” that paves the road.

This consciousness will bring a coherent and balanced well-being among human beings, sentient beings and nature.

This will enable us to find **A RIGHT FORM OF PLANETARY LIVELIHOOD**, embracing:

- The value of interdependence—including all expressions of life—I am because you are, and you are because I am;
- The value of correspondence—the inner is like the outer and the outer is like the inner.

Let me be clear.

An Ecological Civilization Is not just about more ecologically enhancing programs.

Is also about spiritual, ecological, human, economic, and social values.

This new civilization must be organized around values and beliefs and agreed rights and responsibilities.

The values of caring, sharing, mutuality, justice, peace, love, compassion, harmony, conservation... to name a few.

However, those individual and collective values must be self-realized.

It is within this self-realization where human collective consciousness plays a vital role.

An Ecological Civilization is not just about attaining some sort of “physical balance”, notwithstanding the importance those balances have; like the water cycle, temperatures and global warming...

To begin the construction of this Ecological Civilization, we are in front of **Three Systems of Law**.

Yes, the **GOVERNANCE** structure of this Civilization must seat on the thrown of these Three Systems of Law.

I say this, because the present paradigm of growth and development has been based only on one system of laws, and has disregarded the other systems.

The present paradigm has been based on our “**Human Laws**”, including competition and exclusion.

Based on facts, we all know that Human Laws have clashed with another system of laws.

It has clashed with the Second System of Laws, which is configured and governed by “**Natural Laws**”, “**The Laws of Nature**”, as we witness the ecological crisis on the planet.

These two systems of laws -Human and Natural- are not talking to each other.

Just see how difficult is to reach agreements around Climate Change.

This is why, in many countries, traditional economic growth is translating into great natural disasters, via pollution, resource depletion, ecological imbalances, etc.

We must bridge the gap between Human Law and Natural Law.

To me, the **BRIDGE** between Human and Natural Law, will surge from a Third System of Laws.

This is configured and governed by our “**Spiritual Laws**”.

Laws that surge from our human collective consciousness.

Today's Collective Consciousness does not possess the attributes of an Ecological Civilization.

An Ecological Civilization is based on a different type of wisdom.

This is the wisdom that we must embrace now.

A wisdom where the world is in sync with The Co-Equality of all Forms of Life!

Human beings, sentient beings and nature.

This co-equality must be the fundamental pillar of the Ethics and new Eco-Morality within the World Growth Forum.

This demands a complete change of narratives within the Forum.

In addition, this event today must push the existing political limits to better manage our Global Commons.

Here, the Private Sector plays a fundamental role.

Furthermore, Global Governance is weak or non-existent, demanding real reform of the United Nations System and the Bretton Woods Institutions.

THE NEW GOVERNANCE MUST ENSURE A HIGH-QUALITY GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL FORMS OF LIFE.

Planetary Governance must go beyond the self-interest of individual countries, and allow the construction of an **ECO-PLANETARY DEMOCRACY**.

This will ensure Eco-Efficiency, Eco-Competitiveness, and Eco-Accounting in an economic system.

This ECO-DEMOCRACY must empower the rights of citizens, everywhere, and empower grassroots movements and institutions.

Thus, a new economics must emerge: **"CARE ECONOMICS"**.

Let me **SUM UP** by saying that:

1. An **ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION** is the only destiny of humanity.

2.- We do not need to destroy nature to do human good.

3.- It is the relationship between nature and human consciousness which will determine the future of the human race.

4.- To talk about peace, love, compassion and wisdom is not an esoteric proposition, as they are linked to the foundations of all forms of rights and responsibilities.

5.- We need an enlightened way to experience reality and, thus, assume the full responsibility for all actions and outcomes.

6.- Those civilizations that only have human focus have failed.

We are already experiencing a great civilizational change, either by design or by default.

RELEVANT ECO-SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES EBOIDIED IN THE SYSTEM OF SPIRITUAL LAWS.

| feel we are longing for an **ECO-SPIRITUALITY**.

- **ECO-SPIRITUALITY** as ‘an important decree’ within the path of being.
- **ECO-SPIRITUALITY** will awaken us to several self-realizations:

This means that **THE TRANSITION** towards an Ecological Civilization requires much deeper inner-transformations than most people realize.

The Totality of Life.

All forms of life have an inherent right, not just human beings. This right is given only by the fact that they are part of the matrix of life of this planet.

Total interdependence.

All beings and all forms of life on our planet are interdependent. They are not independent. This type of interdependence has purpose and meaning; in other words, it is not random or spurious. Therefore, breaking the chain of interdependence means that many forms of life will not be able to evolve and transform as they initially correspond.

Take care of what is created.

We have received the planet in a very well defined way, in terms of quantity and quality. We have received a portfolio of species and life forms. We cannot deliver to others a planet whose state of life and well-being is inferior to the one that has been delivered to us. Human beings have an obligation to care for and preserve creation.

We do not own the planet.

We are part of the planet, with rights and responsibilities over everything that exists here. To conquer the planet is to conquer ourselves. Conquer higher levels of consciousness and responsibility. It does not mean enslaving other sentient beings.

The Rights of Future Generations.

Future generations are intimately linked to us, as are past generations. We, the present generations, cannot limit the possibilities or the abilities of self-realization of said future generations. It is a violation of their development and transformation rights. And, it is in this sense that these generations are subjects of law.

There has never been the Right to Destroy.

There is no right to destroy. There is no civilization, unless it has been sick, that accepts destruction for destruction's sake. We must all be in favor of life with diversity and the great identity that it has.

The Spiritual Being Lives for Himself and Others.

Many of us wonder how to achieve salvation, or how to achieve enlightenment. The most accurate recipe is to dedicate oneself to the service of the other.

And if it is a spiritual service, even better. In Buddhism this is called being a Bodhisattva: for whom his Buddhist path is the Buddha of all, including all life forms.

The World as A Collective.

We are not an island. We are a WHOLE.

The world is not the sum of individuals. We are more than that. We are a collective of life, including human life. But it is very difficult for us to identify, design, evaluate, and implement the collective. Today is the era of collective spirituality. The spirituality of the other. Where my spiritual path is defined with and through the path of the other.

Spiritual Values Matter.

Everything needs a great revolution of values.

Moving from individualistic and materialistic values to spiritual, humanistic, and collective values: love, compassion, cooperation, solidarity, interdependence, justice, etc. These values are not words but states of being. You have to do it yourself. The bird learned them without having gone to university.

All Sentient Beings Are on the Path of Enlightenment.

Not only the human being is on the path of enlightenment; of the maximum expression of him in this earthly experience. All forms of life are in the same process. Everything is a collective illumination. We are all on that path. A path of total mutuality: I am because you are, you are because I am. You have to walk together, without inflicting suffering.

The Law of Karma.

The Law of Karma is generally identified with the law of cause and effect. However, this law is also defined as the law of infinite equilibria; that is, 'in the end' all accounts must be settled. Therefore, the destruction of the planet, or of lives within the planet, has to be addressed. It is not a phenomenon outside of us but a reality within us. This is part of a new Eco-Morality and making peace with the environment.

Spiritual Justice.

Human justice is not like the so-called divine justice. But there is also a spiritual justice: entering the process of self-realization of the opposite. If I cause damage with the extraction I must self-preserve. If I cause damage, death causes damage, I must self-realize life.

If these principles are adopted, a new policy decision making framework will emerge for growth and sustainable development.

One of the policies will entail avoiding unacceptable forms of theft, through the unnecessary over exploitation of nature.

Another policy entails a shift from a market-designed and governed-led, to a nature-designed and governed economic systems and principles.

The essential importance of the Spiritual Laws is given by the fact that Life, in all its forms, is AN ACT OF MUTUALITY, which enables us to withstand a shared planetary future.

We must integrate:

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

I am not suggesting a purely Nature-Centered Paradigm.

An Ecological Civilization is not totally founded on a Nature-Centered-Approach.

Thus, the dilemma cannot be expressed as choosing between a human-centered and a nature-centered approach.

That is Ecological Falsehood.

Our great mistake has been to separate spirituality from ecology, and live a 'veiled form' of environmental capitalism.

The debate presented here is not just an economic problem.

This is also an ethical and moral problem.

The greatest step we may take is to embrace **The Right to Nature** in all our constitutions.

To deny **The Right to Nature** is tantamount of validating irresponsible ecological and environmental behavior.

Economic growth will greatly suffer.

THE FUTURE RESTS ON LOVE AND MUTUALITY.

In my experience, without loving Mother Nature, it will make it impossible **TO LOVE OTHER HUMAN BEINGS.**

Mutuality and the Communion with all forms of life are the fundamental scaffold of true **GLOBAL JUSTICE** in all its dimensions.

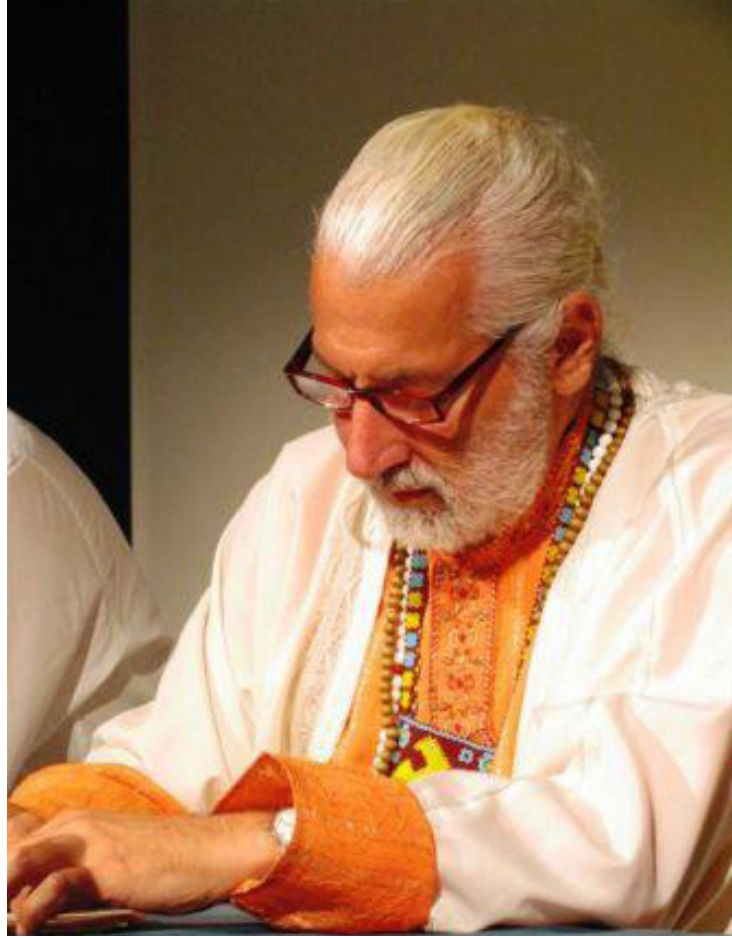
Justice must **WORK FOR ALL FORMS OF LIFE.**

A “new path demands nothing less than a consciousness shift’.

The issue is not “to know’ more or “to have” more.

The real issue is “to be” and “to become” more.

Thank you very much!



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