

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with great concern that the Government should take bold steps to assure that an ethical framework is included in the Zero Document for Rio+20. This is a unique opportunity to realize the vision of a just, sustainable and peaceful future for the community of life on Earth, our common home. I recommend the following:

1. The Zero Draft should affirm the need for a shared vision and common ethical framework to inspire and guide actions towards sustainable development among all stakeholders across sectors. The current draft should affirm a strong definition of sustainable development with a shared vision of ethical and spiritual values that inspires and guides cooperative action for change.
2. The Zero Draft recommends Ombudspersons for future generations and sustainable development goals, and new measures of GDP. It should also include implementing the Precautionary Principle, a Corporate Sustainability Responsibility Convention, Millennium Consumption Goals, and a mandate of trusteeship for global common goods on behalf all peoples, the greater community of life, and future generations.

The current "ethical" framework guiding globalization (economic growth and short term gain) is not supporting sustainable development. Despite 25 years of efforts to make development sustainable, we are making insufficient progress toward a just, sustainable and peaceful future for all.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,