

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

## **My Partnership Design**

by Sofia Ada Tigli, aged 9 (Turkey)

The first time I came across with the word sustainability was my father's quote: "everyone has responsibility for the upcoming generation".

I did not understand the meaning of this quote at that time and didn't give attention when I was 6 years old. Later on by observing the pollution of water and pollution of farms in my own town, I began to give attention to the integrity of nature: when the water is polluted, the products from farms grew with this water will be polluted and harmful.

Every mechanism on the earth is connected to each other and each one has responsibility to another. Protection of nature needs coordination and this requires the partnerships for future.

I think there are two kinds of partnership on this topic: biological partnership and institutional partnership.

For the first one I mean the cycle of nature that is between production and consumption without giving harm to natural sources. There has to be a balance between production and consumption for sustainability.

The second partnership is also important at institutional level to protect this cycle. We need mechanisms to protect past as an inspiration to future, we need our natural sources preserved by institutions. We need to learn from historical and cultural heritages and transfer them to the future by institutional partnerships.

Every organism is connected to each other and we need to protect all sources one for another. Then I understood what my father wanted to tell me: we have to save the world for the future and that meant sustainability: the circle of the nature in integrity. I believe all kinds of partnerships could be inspired by virtuous circle of the nature.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (joint)

**Partnership for a Sustainable Future**

by Oluwatobi D. Akin-Ojo, aged 10 (Nigeria)

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are certain goals that were made at the United Nations in the Year 2015 when world leaders signed 17 ambitious SDGs to be achieved by the Year 2030 or earlier. Partnership is highly needed to achieve every one of the SDGs. It is when people collaborate and partner that they can accomplish all of the SDGs. So, if all the countries cooperate we can accomplish these goals.

The SDGs I will be considering in this essay are; good health and good education. Good health and education are an enemy to poverty and vice versa. Also, good health in a way is related to good education. For instance, good health is required so we can get ready for school. You need energy to walk to places in the morning like your toilet to brush and to bath then to dress up and to go around and do other things and so on. So, if a boy is sick he can not do anything. If his parents are sick, who would take him to school? The boy will be left at home with nothing to learn and his education will suffer. On the other hand, education is needed to get job opportunities to prevent poverty.

There are different types of partnerships and some of them are; religious partnership, political partnership, community partnership and partnership with banks. For religious partnership, churches and mosques can do outreaches to give to the poor and homeless kids. For political partnership, countries and world leaders can join forces and help each other out to help other countries develop. As the country develops the mind-set of the leaders will have to change.

In community partnership, citizens can come together and donate money for projects like fixing roads. Citizens also pay their taxes and the country can in turn use the money to create factories to reduce poverty. Banks can give loans to people and other countries to help them with their finance and that money can be used to develop roads and bridges for economic development.

I hope you are convinced and you support the fact that without partnership in the world not a single thing can be done to achieve goals and make all the countries better, bigger and more equipped with materials to improve education and health and reduce poverty. Partnership is power. Countries should partner, work together and achieve every aspect of the SDG. Thank you.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (joint)

### **Partnership for a Sustainable Development**

by Chisom O. Elendu, aged 9 (Nigeria)

The sustainable development goals (SDGs) consist of 17 global goals and 169 targets. These goals were agreed by all 191 member states of the United Nations in 2015 and are achievable by the year 2030. Part of these goals is eradication of poverty and hunger, improvement of health and wellbeing and provision of quality education. Others are gender equality, provision of clean water and good sanitation. Most importantly however is the catalyst for the realization of these goals which is partnership.

Partnership has been defined as an association of two or more people doing something together and sharing in the risks and profits. Consequently, partnership for the achievement of SDGs is only possible when individuals and corporate organizations come together. Sustainable development goals can only be achieved with a robust commitment to global partnership and networking. The following are key issues to be addressed:

- Massive grass root awareness of SDGs
- Mobilization of children and youths
- Simplifying the goals
- Addressing hunger, poverty and ignorance.

Majority of the rural population are ignorant of the SDGs. The question is, how would we reach the grassroots? The target areas are the villages, churches, mosques and town-hall meetings. The government can mobilize relevant agencies to the 36 states of the federation to create awareness. The use of fliers and mass media can be helpful.

The future is the children and the youths. The SDGs are meaningless if the children and the youths are not carried along. Hence such programmes like project everyone4 are easily realizable through the use of social media like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The young can participate in movie production, cartoons, drama, and essay writing competitions.

Messages are better conveyed when they are simple. It is also easier to get public participation when people's immediate needs are addressed. Therefore, breaking down the 17 SDGs into simple messages will ensure easy public partnership.

Most vices in our society are traceable to poverty, hunger and ignorance. It is pertinent that all hands should be on deck to tackle the issue of hunger, poverty and ignorance. Poverty is bad. A person that is poor will be restricted from normal life. Unemployment breeds poverty. Government should create employment for the youths through agriculture and information technology. Provision of tools for mechanized farming will attract the youths into this noble venture.

Partnership grows the society. Without partnership the SDGs will not be achieved.

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### **Importance of Hygienic Atmosphere**

by Harpreet Kaur Birbal Singh Sandeep Kaur, aged 7 (India)

Man is a social animal. To live in this society, every person needs partnership. None can live alone in this world and if our bonding with others is unbreakable or strong only then we can sustain our future. Here, I would like to share my experience here.

One day, I was on the way to my school. I was already late and that's why I was going hurriedly. But all of a sudden, I saw a lady who was sweeping in her house, picked up the garbage box and threw the whole garbage on the road without any hesitation. When I saw her throwing garbage on the I felt very harassed. In every corner of the world, government has started the movements of cleanliness but inspire of that there are some people who are committing it again and again. I think these people are illiterate; still that's why they are not pursuing the rules and regulations made by the government.

This incident left a great impact on my mind. Of course, I went to my school that day but I was feeling uneasy. Because I am such kind of person who always wants my home and surroundings neat and clean. I cannot remain in such unhygienic place. Next day, we had a holiday. I made a plan. I invited all of my friends at my residence and I shared my plan with them. All of my friends were agreed with me.

Then we started our campaign towards that spot. We all started to clean that road and other belonging areas also. Me and my friends took their brooms and other tools and started sweeping there. According to doctors, unhygienic atmosphere always invites diseases. We need to strengthen our relations with the government for long life partnership. We all were very excited and that lady was also observing us and other trespassers also joined us. If the government is providing us every facility then there is also our responsibility towards the government. All in all we should always follow the norms made by government and only by pursuing these norms; we can establish our sustainable partnership with the government for a sustainable future.

After finishing this work, we all went back to our homes. While going on the way, we heard the people speaking praising words for us and I felt very proud.

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### **Food Bank**

by Nagla Yehia Sebai, aged 9 (Egypt)

It may be a coincidence, which I hardly believe, or just stars were passing the right way for me. But just last week at school we learned about how harmful plastic is for an environment and then teacher announce about topic of year 2020 international writing competition and then I thought of a perfect example of human and environment partnership and cooperation - take care of environment around you and start with simple stop using plastic bags. What a great idea came to me!

Really looks like Egypt live outside of the whole other World which keeps talking about environmental issues. Egypt is the country where no one heard about global warming and keeping our Planet clean from the plastic garbage. Yes, we talk about these issues at School and that's it in our everyday life I don't see any practical implementing. Plastic bags here are everywhere!!! And it's all for free!! Driving to the sea side of Egypt to the cities like Sharm el Shayck or Hurgada you can see the whole desert all the way to the beach bay covered with plastic bags, its simply everywhere!!! When it's windy, and it's pretty often windy in Cairo, walking on the street you going to be covered with plastic bags flying from everywhere. And the most amazing fact - looks like no one here even heard about the damage of plastic and how harmful it is for the environment and dangerous for humans, animals and marine life. People who works in the supermarket will look at you like you are from the other Planet when you refusing packing your glossaries in the plastic bags and using your own reusable one.

I believe that it's perfect time for our country to start cooperation with the other World experience in stopping using plastic bags. Big supermarkets, at least, should not provide it for free and have charge for using it like the other countries on the whole World does. We should start running a TV and social media campaign explaining to the people about plastic and its harmfulness to the environment and at least it's going to keep our streets, gardens, seas and deserts clean.

Remember - clean is not where people are cleaning, clean are there where people are not littering. I wish my Cairo soon will be the cleanest city in the World and start with stop using plastic bags might be the key moment for the future success to live in a clean City.

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## **Sustainable Living**

by Ngan Thi Khanh Nguyen, aged 9 (Vietnam)

Partnerships can help us achieve the sustainable development goals and build a more sustainable world.

First, we can help family and friends who are unhealthy by telling them to exercise more like going to the gym or playing sports. But if you don't want to exercise you should eat healthy by having a balanced diet. That means you need to eat everything good for you so you need to eat fruit and vegetables, but eat more protein than fruits because fruit has a lot of sugar. Don't eat or drinks things that have a lot of sugar like soda, candy or cakes.

Second, we could use partnerships to use old plastic bottles by recycling them and making cool decorations. For example, we could make people, animals and holders or we could make them into pots to put plants and flowers into. We can make them very cute.

Third, we can collaborate to help our friends with dirt by not putting trash in the ocean because all of the chemicals and germs in those things can spread disease and it can make you die. We have to be careful.

Next, we should protect animals. We can protect animals by putting up signs saying if you kill an animal you will have to pay a fine but that fine needs to be a big amount of money. We can protect life underwater by not throwing trash in the ocean so you don't kill fish by suffocating them with plastic.

Next, we can feed poor people by donating food to charities.

Next, people need to have quality education so they are smart. We can donate to a lot of charities for quality education.

Next, we need to plant more trees so we will have cleaner air to breathe. People have been cutting down a lot of trees and we need to put a stop to that. We need to stop using cars with motors so we need electric cars. If you dont have the money, you should ride a bike or even walk.

Next, we should try to save electricity and water. This is how you should save two of these important things. We should save electricity by using solar panels or just turning off the lights. Next, we should save water. Now, when we wash our hands and face we should turn off the tap right after. When we wash our hands and face we should turn the water to small so its not wasteful.

You should do all of these things.