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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

Annotation

Sustainable development is characterized by economic efficiency, environmental safety and social justice. The activity of young people in their own interests in ensuring environmental safety will bring positive and innovative results. The author asserts that the improvement of attitudes of the youth to the environment, their ambitiousness and the harmony of innovative approaches help to find effective ways to achieve sustainable development.

Key words:

Sustainable Development Goals, environmental safety, youth policy,
youth in environmental awareness, youth opportunities.

Progressive socio-economic growth, which ensures the consistent advancement of society, is the basis of sustainable development. Sustainable development is characterized by economic efficiency, environmental safety and social justice. The milestones reached by Turkmenistan in each of these areas, which have acquired a deeper meaning, are the fruits of thoughtful and wise state administration.

The fact that more than 80 indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals until 2030 are related to the environment. It is a clear indication of the importance of environmental protection and the rational use of its resources. At the present time urgent environmental issues facing humanity and requiring the consolidation of joint efforts identifies goals such as clean water and sanitation, climate change and combating desertification, conservation of marine ecosystems, conservation of terrestrial ecosystems and conservation of biological diversity.

At the same time, it is believed that the active position of the younger generation in the name of the interests of society will lead to positive and new results. Therefore as a combination of ambitious and innovative approach of the youth, it is designed to promote the search for ways to achieve sustainable development and contribute to the further progress of society. Their position, interest, views on any issue determines the lifestyle of today and tomorrow.

It is no coincidence that youth are regarded as an independent social force and great attention is paid to them. Youth is a socio-demographic group identified on the basis of age characteristics, social status and characterized by specific interests and values. In Turkmenistan, this group includes from age 14 to 35 years. Large-scale economic, social, cultural and political transformations are reflected in the worldview of the younger generation.

The Sustainable Development Goals provide for the implementation of a set of targeted measures to ensure a secure future for young people, their life in healthy environmental conditions, including the creation of broad opportunities to maintain a favorable environment, high social and living standards, receive education and employment for them. In this context, the contribution made by the younger generation to environmental sustainability is of great importance. The development of youth environmental activities indicates an increase in personal responsibility and an expansion of their views on ongoing processes in accordance with the requirements of modern society.

By using various types of education, including the opportunities of the mass media, young people help to increase the level of environmental awareness and activism in their societies on this issue. Their support for environmental initiatives is largely associated with the creation of a favorable information and communication environment. Modern information technologies are quickly mastered by the younger generation and become an inseparable part of their lives. In spite of this, libraries, museums and other educational institutions are becoming a source of reliable important information and a platform that unites young people. They are entrusted with the task of environmental education and upbringing of young people, which contributes to increasing knowledge of ecology.

The long-term work carried out on the practical implementation of the humanitarian initiatives of the esteemed President of Turkmenistan in the field of nature protection meets the Sustainable Development Goals, and it is aimed at finding solutions to important issues of concern to all humankind and improving the state of the environment. In all over the country, in order to implement measures to form green areas, turn it into a blooming garden and ensure the prosperous life of the people, nationwide campaigns for planting green spaces at a high level with the participation of young people is being organized to determine the place for planting seedlings.

The wide involvement of young people in recent years in cycling, along with the development of physical culture and health movement, gives impetus to the formation of an ecological culture in society. And this is in line with the 11th Sustainable Development Goal "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable". In accordance with article 31 of the Law of Turkmenistan "On State Youth Policy", the state support for youth is carried out within the framework of the State Program in the field of physical culture, sports and the formation of a healthy lifestyle, which includes projects to form and develop an ecological tourism system among the youth, as well as formation of ecological consciousness, culture and careful attitude of young citizens to the components of the environment.

Sustainable development can be achieved by involving young people in social activities to support them, as well as to have close relationship with them, to protect their rights and to create the necessary conditions for all. Based on this, a number of innovative projects are being implemented in Turkmenistan, measures are being taken to create conditions for the full participation of young people in all spheres of the state. Among them, the Leadership Academy and Innovation Laboratory Platform initiated in the summer of 2018, implemented jointly by the Magtymguly Youth Organization of Turkmenistan, the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) with the support of the British Embassy in Turkmenistan. The goal of the project is to educate young people in leadership qualities, expand their creative thinking, learn how to find a way out in emergency situations, develop the ability to work collectively and the ability to express their opinion and position, gain knowledge that will make a worthy contribution to the life of the family, associations and the country. One of the youth initiatives, covering global tasks in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, is related to environmental protection, in particular waste recycling, giving a second "life" to plastic products. This, in turn, confirms the importance of investing in youth, or rather, the fact that they have a special place in socio-economic development at the national and global level.

Along with this, it should be noted that in the country, state structures and public associations organize comprehensive events aimed at improving the environmental culture of young people and educating them in respect for nature, including explanatory and educational meetings, art competitions, exhibitions, briefings. Among them, explanatory and educational works and forums such as "Youth and Nature", "Let's Protect Nature!", "Ecological Culture and Youth", "Peculiarities of Turkmen Nature", "The Beauty of Nature is the Decoration of My Land", "Nature is the Beauty of Life". ", "The Beauty of the Nature of My Land", "Protection of Ecology and the Environment is a Guarantee of Cleanliness and a Prosperous Life", "Nature

Protection, Respect for Nature is the Duty of Each of Us”.

Turkmenistan, which has determined the provision of well-being through the improvement of the environment as a priority of its domestic and foreign policy, supporting the scientific, practical and organizational initiatives of the younger generation in this area, is implementing numerous programs and plans, striving for their compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals, including the requirements of environmental norms.

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