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Strengthening Inclusive Development through Science, Technology and International Civil Society Cooperation

China International Association for Promotion of Science and Technology (CIAPST) and China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) respectfully submit this joint statement to highlight the importance of science, technology and international civil society cooperation in advancing inclusive development and promoting the realization of the right to development.

The right to development recognizes that development should be a people-centred, inclusive and participatory process, enabling all individuals and communities to participate in, contribute to and benefit from development. In the context of rapid scientific and technological transformation, innovation has become an important driver of economic growth, social progress and sustainable development. Scientific and technological advancement provides new opportunities to improve education, healthcare, environmental protection, public services and social inclusion.

However, technological progress does not automatically lead to inclusive development. Differences in innovation capacity, access to scientific knowledge, infrastructure, digital capabilities and institutional resources continue to influence whether different countries and communities can participate in and benefit from technological advancement. Addressing these challenges requires not only technological innovation, but also effective cooperation frameworks that connect diverse stakeholders, promote knowledge exchange and strengthen long-term partnerships.

CIAPST and CNIE believe that inclusive development requires a comprehensive approach combining scientific innovation, international exchange and meaningful participation of civil society organizations.

I. Promoting Inclusive Participation through International Civil Society Cooperation

Inclusive development requires the participation of diverse stakeholders.

Scientific and technological innovation should not be developed in isolation. Governments, scientific institutions, enterprises, civil society organizations and communities each contribute unique knowledge, experience and resources.

Scientific institutions provide research capabilities, technical expertise and innovation resources. Civil society organizations contribute international exchange networks, communication channels and understanding of local development needs. Communities provide practical knowledge regarding the application and impact of technological solutions.

International civil society cooperation can serve as an important bridge connecting scientific expertise, international experience and local development priorities.

II. Advancing Science and Technology Cooperation for Shared Development

The realization of the right to development requires strengthened international cooperation.

Scientific and technological cooperation should move beyond traditional technology transfer models and encourage joint innovation, knowledge sharing, experience exchange and long-term cooperation.

Different regions possess different development experiences, technological strengths and social contexts. These differences should be viewed as opportunities for mutual learning and collaborative progress.

As a practical example of science and technology cooperation, CIAPST has promoted the International Alliance for Regional Innovation and Standardization as an open cooperation initiative developed through collaboration with partners from different countries and regions. The initiative aims to facilitate regional innovation exchange, promote knowledge sharing and encourage cooperation on inclusive technology standards.

Through dialogue and collaboration among relevant stakeholders, such cooperation initiatives can contribute to adapting technological solutions to different development contexts and supporting more inclusive innovation pathways.

III. Promoting Inclusive Standards and Regional Innovation Cooperation

Technology standards play an increasingly important role in determining whether innovation can be accessed, adapted and shared by different regions and communities.

Inclusive technology standards should promote accessibility, affordability, interoperability and adaptability while considering different levels of development and local conditions.

Standards cooperation is not only a technical matter, but also an important element of international development cooperation. Through dialogue, experience sharing and collaborative approaches, stakeholders can explore solutions that reduce barriers and enable broader participation in technological transformation.

IV. Strengthening Capacity Building and Sustainable Development

Sustainable development requires not only access to technologies, but also the ability to apply, maintain and further develop technological solutions.

Capacity building should include strengthening local innovation capabilities, improving technical knowledge and skills, supporting institutional development and promoting knowledge exchange and cooperation.

Recommendations

1. Strengthen international cooperation frameworks that promote inclusive science, technology and innovation.
2. Encourage meaningful participation of civil society organizations, scientific institutions, communities and other relevant stakeholders in development cooperation.
3. Promote inclusive technology standards, knowledge exchange and regional innovation collaboration.
4. Support sustainable capacity-building initiatives that strengthen local capabilities in technological application, innovation management and long-term development.

Conclusion

The realization of the right to development requires ensuring that scientific and technological progress creates shared opportunities and benefits for all.

CIAPST and CNIE believe that combining scientific expertise, international civil society cooperation and inclusive innovation approaches can provide meaningful contributions to sustainable and balanced development.

Through strengthened cooperation networks, responsible innovation, knowledge sharing and capacity building, the international community can promote development pathways that are more inclusive, equitable and sustainable.

CIAPST and CNIE stand ready, within their respective mandates, to contribute expertise, cooperation networks and practical experience to support international efforts toward inclusive development through science, technology and international civil society cooperation.

1. International Alliance for Regional Innovation and Standardization (IARIS), NGO(s) without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement.