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The General Assembly, in its resolution 73/6 of 26 October 2018, noted with appreciation that the preparatory process and the high-level segment of UNISPACE+50 which had resulted in "Space2030" Agenda provided a comprehensive, inclusive and strategically oriented vision on strengthening international cooperation in the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, in which space was seen as a major driver of and contributor to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for the benefit of all countries.

Since then, thanks to tsssssnand Africa. (https://www.jasbn.com) to strengthen the existing relation between Japan and Africa to utiliz product and services for mutual benefits.

I was honored to be invited by UNOOSA to participate in the World Space Forum 2023 which provides an opportunity to draw attention to space solutions that will effectively support the areas mentioned in the various Policy Briefs leading to the Summit of the Future. In addition, it will provide a set of practical recommendations to maximize the opportunities space solutions offer as input for the Summit of the Future 2024 and the Pact of the Future.

The UNOOSA "Space Bridge" was launched after the World Space Forum 2023 to enhance our capacity-building activities to ensure that space solutions can be scaled where needed to drive transformational change, build resilience, and enhance global sustainability.

JASBN seeks to put forward actionable strategies that address the "how" of integrating space products and services to the five chapters outlined in the Pact for the future.

## Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

These concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations are designed to target key areas of sustainable development and financing for development, with the goal of contributing to a more sustainable and equitable future using space products and services.

1. **Investment in Renewable Energy**: Encourage investment in renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydroelectric power. This can be achieved through incentives, subsidies, and favorable policies for renewable energy projects.

- 2. **Promotion of Green Infrastructure**: Focus on developing and promoting green infrastructure projects such as sustainable transportation, energy-efficient buildings, and eco-friendly urban planning.
- 3. **Support for Sustainable Agriculture**: Provide support for sustainable agricultural practices, including organic farming, agroforestry, and the use of environmentally friendly farming techniques.
- 4. **Education and Awareness:** Promote education and awareness programs on sustainable development and environmental conservation. This can include public awareness campaigns, environmental education in schools, and community outreach programs.
- 5. **Inclusive Economic Growth:** Foster inclusive economic growth that benefits all segments of society, including marginalized communities and vulnerable populations. This can be achieved through targeted policies and programs that address social inequalities.
- 6. **Public-Private-Partnerships(PPP):** Encourage public-private partnerships to fund sustainable development projects. This can involve collaboration between governments, businesses, and non-profit organizations to finance and implement sustainable initiatives.
- 7. Climate Resilience and Adaptation: Invest in climate resilience and adaptation measures to address the impacts of climate change. This includes infrastructure improvements, disaster risk reduction, and the development of early warning systems.
- 8. Access to Financing for Developing Countries: Ensure that developing countries have access to financing for sustainable development projects. This can involve debt relief, concessional financing, and capacity-building support for project implementation.
- 9. **Promotion of Sustainable Tourism:** Support the development of sustainable tourism initiatives that prioritize environmental conservation, cultural preservation, and community engagement.
- 10. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track progress towards sustainable development goals and assess the impact of financing for development initiatives.

## Chapter II. International peace and security

International peace and security are essential for global stability and prosperity. These concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations are designed to target key areas to consider.

- 1. **Conflict Prevention**: Prioritize diplomatic efforts, mediation, and early warning systems to prevent conflicts from escalating and promote peaceful resolution of disputes.
- 2. **Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding**: Support peacekeeping missions and peacebuilding efforts to maintain stability in conflict-affected regions, facilitate humanitarian assistance, and promote reconciliation and reconstruction.
- 3. **Arms Control and Non-Proliferation**: Advocate for arms control agreements, non-proliferation treaties, and disarmament initiatives to reduce the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and conventional weapons.
- 4. **Humanitarian Assistance**: Provide humanitarian aid and support to populations affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters, and humanitarian crises, ensuring access to essential services, food, water, and healthcare.
- 5. **Rule of Law**: Uphold the principles of the rule of law, human rights, and international humanitarian law to protect civilians, prevent atrocities, and hold perpetrators of war crimes and human rights violations accountable.
- 6. **Counterterrorism**: Strengthen international cooperation to combat terrorism, disrupt terrorist financing, address violent extremism, and prevent the spread of radical ideologies.
- 7. Women, Peace, and Security: Promote the meaningful participation of women in peace processes, conflict

- 1. **Education and Skills Development**: Prioritize access to quality education, vocational training, and skills development programs to equip young people with the knowledge and capabilities needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.
- 2. **Youth Empowerment**: Create opportunities for youth leadership, civic engagement, and participation in decision-making processes at local, national, and international levels. Empower young people to be active agents of change in

- 6. **Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding**: Prioritize conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and the prevention of armed conflicts through diplomatic initiatives, mediation, and peacekeeping efforts.
- 7. Global Economic Reform: Advocate for reforms in global economic governance to address issues such as trade imbalances, d ese, d61.1 (c4-2.5 (, d)-2t(n)-2 (in(a)-2.9 (la)-15b (c4-2.5il (i)3.1 (tt)2.)1 (y(b)-8-200 (o)-2 (in(a)-2.9 (la)-15n (c4-2.5 (e)-16.i9)).