

Alliance for a responsible, plural and united world

# World citizens assembly

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Regional group

## PACIFIC ASIA

Priority 1 : Poverty eradication (financial and non financial)

Strategies :

Microcredit / microfinancing and creation of global fund for microcredit.

Redistribution of wealth through taxation and public spending, especially progressive and capital tax like Tobin tax.

Community control of public sector projects / services / institution through advisory council.

Democratisation of international finance institution (WB, IMF)

Empowerment of local authority through training and capacity building and organizational strength of the poor.

Set up developmental task force by sending professional to villages.

Self critique of education system accessible to poor, establishing strong public education system and life organization learning account to support continuing education and training

Lengthen schooling years

Priority 2 : Managing cultural diversity : bottom up and top down

Strategies :

Strengthening regional and international groupings in Asia / Pacific.

School education about cultural richness and engaging with diverse cultures in the local community. Educators also to be involved in cross cultural immersion

Ensuring representation of ethnic communities on public sector bodies and in policy development.

Charter committing public bodies to serve diverse communities.

Encouraging responsible, ethnical media reporting diverse cultural issues

Celebrate our diversity and promote working together through cultural events.

### Priority 3 : Reconciliation

Strategies :

Work through media, political and educational structures toward decisive action for reconciliation (eg. Treaty in Australia with indigenous people)

Elected leaders to put principle and knowledgeable judgement before short term political expediency and popularity.

Affirmative action for marginalised groups

Indonesia – Australia reconciliation

### Priority 4 : character and quality leadership

Publicize networks and organizations promoting responsible leadership (eg. Parliamentary for Global Action and Global organization Politician Against Corruption).

Codes of conduct for professionals, including anti corruption guidelines, especially for those in public office.

Improve perception of parliament to attract future quality candidatures.

### Priority 5 : quality of life

Less working hours for same pay

Social charter between government, multinational company and society to civilize global capital

Minimum state budget for health, education and infrastructure to guarantee minimum standards

Public dialogue on quality of life issues and measurement

### Priority 6 : media diversity

Parliamentary / democratic inquires into how public media institutions carry out their cultural diversity charters

Reintroduce legislation to enhance diversity of media ownership

Prevent political strategies owning and running media monopolies within a state

### Priority 7 : technology not for profit but serve human needs and environmental sustainability

Limit and reduce the length of time for patents and intellectual property rights to stop profiting at the expense of poorer nation / people.

Integrate sustainability into scientific and technological training

Need to undertake natural resource inventories

Develop design strategies to reduce energy consumption

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Incentives for adopting sustainable technology and programs for transferring appropriate technologies

Priority 8 : promoting alternatives measurement of human development

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Alliance to develop and promote new benchmark for measuring total quality of life to supplement GDP measurement.