Combined Session dedicated both to the Financing for Development and Means of Implementation of the Post-2015 Agenda.

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Enclosure is an obstacle that we must confront as we plan the means of implementing the Post-2015 Agenda.

Members of the Commons Cluster would like to draw attention to four ways in which individuals and their communities might provide a way forward. For where challenges arise, these are most often felt at the grassroots. It is therefore here that often solutions can be found.

1. As a part of Intellectual Property Rights there are licensing modalities that encourage sharing. Products and services and their derivatives when licensed using Open Source, General Public Licensing and CopyLeft, for instance, are permitted to be used freely and even further developed by all; but may under no circumstances ever be enclosed.
2. Cooperatives and mutuals are for profit corporations which are owner operated. Their Cooperative Identity requires that their profits go to owners, workers and members—there are in all one billion worldwide. Profits of the 2.6 million cooperatives globally are moreover shared with the communities in which they are active; as well as with the global community. They have annual revenues of US$ 3 trillion and provide 250 million jobs (12% of jobs in the G20 countries.) When forming partnerships with the private sector, it would by important to consider cooperatives and mutuals as partners whose identity is rooted in sharing..
3. To implement the Sustainable Development Goals **technologies and financing** of all sorts are required, including financing in kind. For challenges are diverse. They differ, depending on geography, culture, level and type of development planned and many other factors. There is no *one size fits all*. The fast-growing diverse popular economy based on caring, sharing and community has developed precisely for this reason and provides myriad forms of education at all levels, in all fields, information (including via Wikipedia); technology of all types both low and high-tech, including means of creating renewable energy; myriad methods to develop agriculture sustainably; and guidance on how to build sustainable settlements provided by initiatives such as the Global EcoVillage Network, Transition Towns, Geo-cities; and sustainable modalities of trade that spread profits equitably.

All forms of financing, including that in kind, and all levels of technology are needed to reach all people everywhere.

Just imagine if all people were to be connected to an Online Global Platform for Sustainable Development that would complement that proposed by the UN Secretary General on Technology Transfer without in any way replacing it. If on this Online Platform for Sustainable Development all people, all corporations, all CSOs, all Governments and all Inter-Governmental Agencies

1. were to have a page on which was mentioned their individual sustainable development strategy with regard to the SDGs most relevant to them; and on each page their would also be listed
2. what they might contribute to others for the implementation of their SDGs; and
3. their needs for help by others.

then a search engine could constantly roam the individual web sites and bring together those with relevant contributions to make with those in need.

In this way, people would be able to help both other people as well as corporations, CSOs, governments and UN Agencies. And all other categories could do the same until there would be a huge Global Partnership for Sustainable Development in which all people, business enterprises, governments at all levels and UN Agencies could work together and ensure no one is left behind. This would truly be sustainable development for and by all people.

Critical to involving all people is universal access to the Internet. The uses of the Internet should be pointed out wherever relevant in the Addis Accord and also be mentioned under Means of Implementation in the document now being prepared on the Post-2015 Agenda.

The Commons Cluster for the UN NGO Major Group are now developing a concept of what such a Platform would look like and how it might be implemented within existing means.

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