

## BOX 12.1 : TEN PROPOSITIONS FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

### What if?

1. ALL 193 NATIONS OF THE WORLD collectively embraced *the vision and aspirations set out in the UN declaration, 'Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,'* in word *and* concrete enabling actions?

2. GLOBAL GUIDELINES were evolved, agreed and enacted to ensure *technology* is used *only* for peaceful purposes and in support of the health and well-being of all species and the planet?

3. DECISION-MAKERS treated *migration* as a historical, complex, global human reality that we need to manage collaboratively, compassionately and responsibly with an emphasis on mitigating root causes (socioeconomic, geopolitical, environmental) while enacting integrated, preventative life-sustaining measures?

4. GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESS AND CIVIL SOCIETY *collaborated at all levels* and *adopted a new paradigm* - a new world view - to ensure our needs as human beings are compatible with the needs of our outer world - our ecosystem?

5. HUMAN VALUES, AND MODERN LIFESTYLES- especially *national vested interests and overconsumption* (energy, water, raw materials...) were recognised globally as the leading causes of environmental degradation, eventual loss of resource bases threatening *the sanctity and sustainability of all life*?

6. NATURE was acknowledged as a major source of *human thought processes and feeling*, inspiration and creative learning as well as being a main factor in personal growth and development, thereby contributing to each individual's quality of life, realisation of dreams and aspirations?

7. THE UNIFYING ONE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING CONCEPT *became the cornerstone of our education systems and societal institutions*, thereby helping to create a "more just, sustainable and peaceful world" (UN-2030 Global Goals (SDGS)).

8. HUMANITY'S FUNDAMENTAL ROLE as *frontline custodians* of the planet, was recognised and adopted globally, thereby ensuring the true regenerative power of our societies, and fostering compassion, trust and goodwill?

9. THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA), guided by the human experience over millennia alongside global wisdom, and in a spirit of compassion, kindness, harmony and moral authority, agreed to prioritise and *actively promote the values of equality, democracy, tolerance and respect* to bridge divisions between people and bind nations together.

10. ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) were held *globally accountable* for their role in *maintaining world peace and security* - based on a genuine commitment to shared people and planet values while *giving a permanent voice to regions with the fastest population growth and social and economic disparities* (e.g., Africa, India, Middle East, SE Asia) i.e. close to 6 billion people not represented vs about 2 billion represented (a ratio of 3:1) currently on the UNSC.