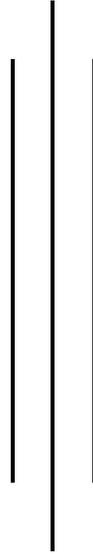


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National Youth Policy, 2072(2015)

1. Background:

Youth power is an invaluable asset of the nation. Youths are the pioneers and change agents of political, economic, social and cultural transformation. Youths remain as the chief heritage of the nation due to courage, creativity, learning competence and high degree of self-confidence which is also considered to be the major source of nation building. The total population of the people belonging to 16 to 40 years age group constitutes 40.3 percent of the total population in Nepal. The youths being the backbone of the nation from qualitative and quantitative viewpoint, it is essential to make an overall development of the youths and to bring their competence in the mainstream of national development.

National Youth Policy, 2066(2009) has been promulgated with a view to promoting basic norms and values like youths' allegiance to the nation, nationality and the people, fulfillment of the basic needs of the youths, the policy of equality and equitable distribution, constitutional supremacy, personal liberty, principle of universal human rights, democratic norms and values, world peace, co-existence and protection and promotion of basic norms and values like caste, language, culture and environmental heritage. As directed by the Policy, the National Youth Policy, 2072(2015) has been formulated following a review made after five years.

2. Definition:

For the purpose of this Policy:

- a. "Youth" means citizens within the age bracket of 16 to 40 years.
- b. "Youth belonging to priority group" means women *adivasi*, *janajati* and *madhesi* youths,
- c. "Youth belonging to special priority group" means the youth belonging to the community of conflict victims, endangered, physically crippled, marginalized, exposed to extinction, minorities, dalits, Muslims and the youth belonging to Karnali and the backward regions.

- d. "Conflict victim youth" means the youth affected by the armed conflict ranging from the year of 2052 (1994) to Mangshir 5, 2063(2006) and those belonging to conflict victims' families in the later days.
- e. "Youth at risk" means the youth infected by HIV and AIDS, victims of trafficking trapped in natural disaster, users of narcotic drugs, those involved in sex trade, homeless, those belonging to *mukta kamaiya* (freed bonded labor) families and the youth involved in foreign employment in countries of insecure destination.
- f. "Physically challenged youth" means the youth having confronted by types of physical and mental challenges.
- g. "Youth belonging to marginalized minority community" means the youth deprived of national and non-governmental benefits and services due to geographical remoteness and caste, language, culture, region, class and gender related grounds, marginalized and the other youths who could not come in the national mainstream.

3. Present Status:

Having felt the need of a separate mechanism for achieving post conflict peace, economic and social transformation by systematically addressing the issues of youth concern, the Ministry of Youth and Sports was established in 2065B.S.(2008). In order to achieve the mission and objectives envisioned by the National Youth Policy, 2066(2009), various programs have been conducted through the Ministry. Moreover, due to its inter-relation with various Ministries and bodies concerned with the youth the Ministry of Youth and Sports has been coordinating with national and international NGOs, Nepal Scout and the organizations politically associated with the youth and the donors. In order to take policy initiative for youth development and for the sake of constituting a National Youth Council as an autonomous organization chiefly responsible for implementation of the programs, the National Youth Council Act, 2072(2015) was adopted at the initiative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and the process of constituting the National Youth Council has been pushed forward.

4. Problems and Challenges:

In the context of taking population related benefits where the Youths constitute 40.3% of the total population of Nepal, it is necessary to solve the youth related problems and challenges. Lack of qualitative, timely and employment-oriented education, least access to vocational skills and techniques, unemployment, under employment, youths' flight, weak health, nutrition, mental strength, lack of environment of youth friendly investment and entrepreneurship, gender, religion and caste related inequalities and the negative impacts brought about by globalization and liberalization have remained as the problems and challenges faced by the Nepali youth. Similarly, in the present context there are equal prospects and opportunities for the Nepali youth. Democratic, federal system of governance and the opportunity of meaningful participation in development, abundance of natural resources including agriculture, tourism and water resources, increase in access to economic means and resources as a result of ever

expanding network of banks, Cooperatives and micro-finance, expanding network of formal, vocational education, program relating to education for all, expansion of various programs focused on target groups and geographical areas, expanding network of development partners in awareness expansion, greater number of opportunities for foreign employment and the opportunities for the creation of internal employments by utilizing the skills, experiences and means and resources acquired from that in the productive sectors are the opportunities available in this regard.

The present Policy aims at further expanding the prospects and opportunities of youth development by addressing the existing problems and challenges.

5. Need of Youth Policy:

The youths being the change agents of political, economic and social transformation, it is the main need at present to involve them actively in nation building by specially addressing it through the national policy. The youths have made major contributions to every political change, establishment of democracy and other social movements in Nepal. As the demand for addressing the present condition of the youth in a special way has emerged as a result of the movements of belief and recognition including People's Peaceful Movement of 2062 and 2063 (2005-2006), armed conflict, the movements relating to Madhes, Tharuhat, indigenous people and the emancipation movement against untouchability, the need of a Youth Policy has increased all the more.

As recognition of the significant contributions made by the youth for the establishment of a Federal Democratic Republic in Nepal, there is a need of addressing the issues like class, gender, caste, language and religion. On the other hand the youth belonging to the minorities, marginalized, physically challenged communities and those living in Karnali and undeveloped areas also need to be specially addressed. The state needs to adopt a concrete policy in order to institutionalize the Federal Democratic Republic in accordance with the principles of inclusion, proportionality and equitable development, to safeguard national independence and sovereignty Nepal, to translate into reality the prospects of leadership of the youth in political, economic, social and cultural transformation and to ensure the active participation and leaderships role of the youth in every procedure of governance of the state.

In the context of the guidelines given by the constitution of Nepal to promote youth participation in national development and to create an environment of full utilization of the political, economic, social and cultural rights, to promote personality development of the youth by providing to them special opportunities in sectors like education, health, youth empowerment and to provide suitable opportunities for making contributions to overall development of the state, the need of a National Youth Policy has gained its significance.

The issues and the priorities of the youths who are in course of acquiring education and those who are in employment and in the process of professional development are naturally different. As it is the chief obligation of the state to provide guidance to the youth about various aspects of livelihood having consideration to youth sensitivity, it has become necessary to conduct programs targeting such youth.

Because the youth are important human resources of the nation, the need of a national Youth Policy has become vital to further engage them in nation building in every sector of life, including political, economic, social and cultural, by developing the competence inherent in them. It is necessary to develop the competence within the youth in order to develop a clean social life based on justice and morality by developing creativity, scientific attitude, responsible conduct, entrepreneurship, civil thoughts and accountability among the youth.

A Youth Policy is required also to make suitable arrangements for controlling the flight of the young genius and to develop further prospects by ensuring the access of the Nepali youth to the opportunities which are emerging globally.

6. **Vision:**

Guaranteeing the basic rights of the youth, the **Vision** of this National Youth Policy shall be to establish the youth of the nation in leadership role making them capable of making meaningful contributions to political, economic, social and cultural life of the nation by preparing such youths who are competent, enterprising, creative and scientific, and have positive thinking.

7. **Mission:**

Assimilating the youth in the mainstream of national development through the means of meaningful participation, competence and leadership development, the chief **Mission** of this Policy shall be to make the role of the youth and the competence inherent in them more qualitative for the sake of building a Nepal which is affluent, modern and full of justice.

8. **Objectives:**

The **Objectives** of this Policy are as follows:

- 1) To develop and expand the role of the youth and their prospects in nation building and national development ,
- 2) To make the youth responsible and accountable by making them dedicated and committed towards the nation and nationality, the people and the Federal Democratic Republic,
- 3) To highlight the competence inherent in the youth class by establishing them as the basic power of the nation through the development of creativity, entrepreneurship and investigative competence in them,
- 4) To prepare competent youth who are of ethical, cultural, creative and professional nature through proper development of their physical, mental, intellectual, ethical and emotional sides by developing the culture of respecting labor,
- 5) Guaranteeing the basic rights of the youth and ensuring their access to productive resources, to involve them at all levels of policy and decision-making and implementation relating to political, economic, social and cultural sectors and to

establish the youth as the agents of national development by promoting their leadership capacity through gender sensitivity,

- 6) To assist the youth who are in the process of gaining education and in the sensitive state of establishing their identity in the society in personal and social development including their education, employment, profession etc.,
- 7) To bring the youths belonging to the priority and the special priority groups in the main stream of development by empowering them through the means of positive discrimination.

9. **Policies:**

In order to achieve the objectives envisioned by National Youth Policy, the following **Policies** shall be adopted:

- 1) With a view to grooming the youths as change agents and a motivating factor of sustainable development, programs shall be conducted focusing on awareness-raising about the basic principles and norms and values of the nation, nationality, national unity, national integrity, democracy and human rights.
- 2) Stressing the role of the youth in the process of transformation of the economic, social and governing system of the nation, youth involvement and leadership in that process shall be promoted.
- 3) The youth shall be encouraged through the means of economic, social, political and cultural empowerment for making meaningful contribution to policy making of the state.
- 4) Causing awareness among the youth about world peace, good will, brotherhood and global interrelations, emphasis shall be placed on completion of incomplete works of the millennium development goal and the commitments made at the international level about the youth including the new priorities areas likely to emerge after 2015.
- 5) Special programs shall be conducted to transform the youth into industrious, active, pro-innovative and creative powers so as to make them capable of undertaking accountability and responsibility towards the society and to be able to remain committed towards a democratic system.
- 6) Keeping in view the needs of age group of the youth, programs shall be undertaken targeting the youth who are in the process of gaining education and in search of professional opportunity.
- 7) The culture of causing awareness about the obligations towards the state and the society and respecting labor shall be developed by conducting awareness programs so as to develop morality, qualities of conduct and discipline among the youth.
- 8) A policy of mobilizing the youth shall be adopted in order to remove the problems of poverty, illiteracy, untouchability, evil practices, gender violence, discrimination and disparities prevalent in the society.
- 9) The youths shall be developed as agents of social change in collaboration with also the private sector and NGOs and local bodies.

- 10) Taking into consideration the diversities prevailing among the youth of all classes, sex, races and castes, religions, colors and sectors, equal opportunities shall be created for empowerment and development.
- 11) The young geniuses who have made special contributions to various sectors of the nation shall be honored on behalf of the state.
- 12) The state shall make vast investment for blooming of genius inherent in the youth and for development of their skills and capabilities.
- 13) Special programs shall be conducted to promote entrepreneurship among the youth.
- 14) Providing information about the geographical, social and economic conditions of the country, programs relating to involvement of the youth as volunteers in national development shall be prioritized.
- 15) Opportunities for quality education, training, study and research shall be created.
- 16) Involvement of the youth in creative sectors like literature, arts, culture, music, acting and sports shall be encouraged.
- 17) An environment shall be created for preventing the flight of the genius by creating within the country itself opportunities of professional development for the genius youth belonging to various sectors.
- 18) The youth shall be made competent for international competitions through proper mobilization of means and resources by introducing professionalism, scientific approach and socialization in sports and treating it as an integral part of development, and emphasis shall be laid on career development of the sports persons.
- 19) An integrated system shall be developed for coordinating programs conducted for the youth by various agencies of the state.
- 20) Programs promoting health awareness shall be encouraged by increasing the access of the youth to the health services.
- 21) Freeing the Nepali youth from globally expanding addictions related activities and anti-social activities, social initiatives shall be focused on developing positive thinking and culture among the youth.
- 22) Programs shall be conducted by providing special priority in services and facilities provided by the state to the youth who have been bracketed in the priority group and the special priority group.
- 23) An environment shall be created where the *dalit* youth could get the state services and benefits including additional rights, besides employment and self-employment opportunities.
- 24) The conditions and needs of the youths belonging to different age groups being different, the targeted programs shall be conducted by dividing the youths into two different age groups (16-24 years, 25-40 years).

10.Strategy and Action Policy:

In order to implement this Policy, the following strategy and operational Policies shall be adopted having consonance with the regional Policies of the state:

A. Education:

- 1) Taking initiatives towards gradually making the Higher Secondary level education free and compulsory, youth's access to education shall be ensured.
- 2) Making education scientific, practical and skill-oriented and interlinking it with labor, one shall be made capable of at least earning general livelihood following the Higher Secondary level education.
- 3) Laying emphasis on Nepalese water resource, forest resource, tourism resource, agriculture, horticulture, livestock, mines, forestry, production and processing of herbal plants etc., technical human resources shall be produced by establishing Technical Educational Institutes.
- 4) In order to make higher education easy and accessible, arrangements shall be made for providing educational loan to the youth, and opportunities for higher education shall be expanded through the means of distance learning and Open University.
- 5) Educational programs shall be conducted which may motivate towards sustainable peace, nation, nationality, democratic norms and values, rule of law, civil rights and liabilities.
- 6) Provision shall be made to grant scholarships and educational loan to the youth who are genius and belong to the priority group.
- 7) Such type of educational programs shall be conducted which may produce competent human resources required for the national and international labor market. Moreover, a special educational program shall be conducted targeting the youth involved in the foreign labor market.
- 8) In order to provide practical knowledge to the willing youth who are getting higher education or have completed higher education, programs shall be conducted to involve them as volunteers in the development of the village sector.
- 9) Necessary skill oriented trainings and literacy programs shall be conducted for the youth who are deprived of formal education.
- 10) Emphasizing the application of Information Technology in education, arrangements shall be made for providing technical education through the means of distance learning and Open University.

B. Employment:

- 1) In order to promote youth employment, an employment work plan shall be prepared and implemented in a prioritized manner.
- 2) In order to increase employment for the youth entrepreneurship and skill-oriented and vocational trainings shall be provided.

- 3) By creating employment opportunities within the country itself, emphasis shall be laid on agriculture, agro industries, tourism, energy and development of infrastructure.
- 4) In order to attract the youth towards the public service, a suitable strategy shall be prepared and necessary facilities required for that shall be provided.
- 5) In order to create opportunities for employment and self-employment, the youth shall be encouraged to establish Cooperatives in the villages and the cities.
- 6) Financial institutions shall be established and developed in accordance with the need of developing professionalism and entrepreneurship among the youth and creating employments. In order to promote entrepreneurship among the youth having technical know-how, skills programs shall be conducted for providing youth friendly loans and seed money on the basis of certificates.
- 7) Business incubation programs shall be conducted to promote entrepreneurship among the youth.
- 8) Reducing the incompatibility between the labor market and the labor force, emphasis shall be laid on preparing the youth human resources in accordance with the needs of the labor market.
- 9) Opportunities of full employment for the semi-employed youth shall be created through modernization and professionalization of the agricultural sector.
- 10) Increasing the competence of a youth information center, the youth employment programs shall be extended through it to the local level in a coordinated manner.
- 11) Besides modernizing the traditional professions and making arrangements for easy access to the market, arrangements shall be also made for providing encouragement, respect, skills and training to the youth involved in that sector.
- 12) Programs relating to self-employment and entrepreneurship for the youth who have returned from foreign employment shall be introduced.
- 13) Proper arrangements for respectable employments and security shall be made for the women going out for foreign employment.
- 14) Prior to going out for foreign employment, the program of sending the youth for foreign employment only after giving them formal and technical trainings as per the demand shall be gradually made compulsory.
- 15) Guaranteeing safe, healthy and respected work and promoting the program of establishing the labor rights, emphasis shall be laid on promoting the youth labor.

- 16) Programs shall be conducted in consonance with safe and respected work policy so as to free the youth from risky works.
- 17) Proper initiatives shall be taken to provide compensation to the youth who, in course of foreign employment, lost their lives or became physically handicapped or suffered from physical and mental exploitation or discrimination, and a program of rehabilitating them in Nepal following their rescue shall be introduced.
- 18) Initiatives shall be taken to protect the labor rights of the youth who, in course of foreign employment, had suffered from injustice, had been detained, imprisoned, expelled from employment or deprived of services and facilities by providing them with legal service through Nepalese Embassies.
- 19) State security shall be guaranteed by establishing a Foreign Labor Security and Investment Fund wherein a fixed percentage of amount from earnings of the youth who go out for foreign employment shall be deposited, and a provision shall be made for issuing shares in the name of the workers by making investment in the productive sectors such as energy, tourism, infrastructure, agriculture etc.
- 20) The amount deposited in the Foreign Employment Promotion Board shall be invested for the youth who have returned from foreign employment and wish to start some enterprising work inside the country.
- 21) Eight hour working and minimum wage rate for the labor youth shall be fixed and made effective, and physical and mental exploitation, sexual violence and discrimination practiced against young workers at work place shall be ended.
- 22) Proper environment shall be created to utilize the skills, competence and capital of the non-resident Nepali youth.
- 23) Equal wage for equal work system shall be introduced.
- 24) The state shall provide insurance for different types of entrepreneurship of the youth by making investment in entrepreneurship sector.

C. Health and Social Security:

- 1) Making easily accessible the basic health facilities to the youth, access of the youth to information relating to health shall be ensured.
- 2) Health education shall be included in the curriculum right from the Primary level, and training shall be given about pure drinking water, healthy life style, nutrition, healthy environment, hazardous activities etc.
- 3) Providing education about sexual health protection and freeing them from all types of sexual violence, the youth shall be encouraged to adopt safe and positive sexual conduct.

- 4) The common Nepali youth shall be provided information about possible risks from HIV/AIDS and made aware of it, and a strategy shall be adopted to protect them against it. Moreover, special consultation service centers shall be operated for the youth infected with this disease; medicines shall be made available on regular basis in an easy manner and an environment shall be created so as to free the infected youth subjected to all types of social discriminations.
- 5) Health consultation services shall be set up to free the youth from the risk of fatal types of disease.
- 6) The treatment services provided in various diseases like heart disease, kidney disease, cancer, Parkinson, Alzheimer, spinal injury, head injury, sickle cell, anemia etc. shall be made more systematic, and the state shall make necessary arrangements for the treatment of the youth suffering from serious types of disease of cancer, heart, kidney, lung etc.
- 7) Protecting the youths' right to food, a special program targeting the youth suffering from hunger and malnutrition shall be conducted so as to protect them against hunger and malnutrition.
- 8) Promoting the health of the youth through the means of naturopathy, self-cure, yoga and meditation, art of self-defense etc., programs relating to biological and clean life style and cleanliness shall be conducted.
- 9) Youth Information and consultation centers shall be set up for providing consultation to the youth about psychological and other sensitive matters relating to conjugal life.
- 10) Initiatives shall be undertaken on behalf of the state to provide for health insurance for the protection of youth's right to health.
- 11) The youth shall be trained in coordination with health organizations in regard to issues like family planning, maternity and child care, maternity right, child birth etc.
- 12) Establishing the maternity right of the women, special programs shall be conducted in order to bring about improvements in the condition of their maternity health.
- 13) Programs shall be conducted to establish pregnancy and maternity care as an obligation of the state.
- 14) Conducting nationwide awareness programs about mental health of the youth, specially targeted programs shall be conducted for the treatment and rehabilitation of the youth suffering from mental illness in the society.
- 15) A provision shall be made to provide gradually free medical treatment to the physically handicapped youth.

- 16) Targeting the youth belonging to sexual minority, health related and social security programs shall be conducted.
- 17) The subject of providing social protection to the unemployed youth so long as they are not provided with jobs shall be taken forward on the basis of its study.
- 18) The youth belonging to special priority groups shall be granted priority in the matters relating to social security.
- 19) Rehabilitation programs shall be conducted targeting the youth victims of domestic and sexual violence, grievous physical mishaps and mental disorder during foreign employment and those trapped in drug addiction.
- 20) The youth involved in sex trade shall be provided with special financial opportunities, and thus an environment of social living shall be created for them.

D. Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development:

- 1) Youth awareness and orientation programs shall be conducted for their economic, social, political and cultural empowerment.
- 2) Programs shall be conducted through local bodies to improve the individual and social competence of the youth.
- 3) In order to provide the youth with national and international experiences youth exchange, study tour, country visits and youth camp programs shall be conducted.
- 4) The youths who have earned national and international reputation for accomplishing creative works shall be rewarded and honored.
- 5) Special programs shall be conducted for enhancing the competence of the associations and organizations led by the youth and political youth organizations.
- 6) A Youth Leadership Development Training Academy shall be established under the National Youth Council for development of leadership of the youth involved in various sectors.

E. Participation and Mobilization:

- 1) The common youth shall be mobilized as volunteers in the activities like nation building and various aspects of social service and rescue activities during national calamity, accidents and situations of emergency.
- 2) Targeting the unemployed educated youth, they will be provided with minimal subsistence maintenance allowance and mobilized as competent volunteers.

- 3) Increasing the meaningful participation of the youth in the peace process of Nepal, reconstruction of the state and the act of nation building thereafter, emphasis shall be laid on the leading role of the youth in its implementation.
- 4) Promotional programs shall be conducted to ensure the participation of the youth at the international forum.
- 5) The youth shall be meaningfully involved at all levels in the process of policy and plan formulation.
- 6) The youth shall be involved in the management of various community activities including infrastructure building, schools and forest.
- 7) Accountability promotional programs shall be conducted to mobilize the youth as the agents of social transformation by making them accountable to the society.
- 8) By involving the youth actively in social programs as partners, an environment shall be created for undertaking social responsibility and accountability.
- 9) The common youths shall be mobilized against the evil practices like untouchability, *jhuma*, *deuki*, *badi*, witchcraft, *kamara/kamari* (slavery), *halia*, *haruwa*, *kamaiya/kamalari*, dowry and *chhapadi*, blind faith and bad culture.

F. Arts, Literature, Culture, Sports and Entertainment:

- 1) The youth shall be encouraged to participate in programs relating to arts and literature for the sake of protection and promotion of various arts and cultural heritage.
- 2) Paying attention to keep the youth fit so as to motivate them towards the service of the nation and the people, the sports sector shall be developed in an institutionalized manner in such a way as to enhance the prestige and honor of the nation.
- 3) Establishing a Sports University for developing sports as compulsory education for the sake of healthy life, a separate Faculty shall be set up in all Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges and a policy of imparting education shall be pursued.
- 4) Providing training in a planned way from School to University level for the development of sports, arts and literature, an environment shall be created for producing sports persons, artists and litterateurs through the means of healthy competition.
- 5) In order to provide and encourage various literary organizations, cultural groups, dance parties, youth and sports clubs programs shall be conducted for providing attractive prizes, honors and financial and material facilities.

- 6) In order to promote interest in sports, creativity and the art of expression among the youth, trainings, competitions and encouragement shall be provided, and prestige of the nation shall be enhanced by increasing competitive participation in international competitions.
- 7) To develop culture, arts and sports local bodies shall be mobilized by encouraging the opening of cultural and sports centers at Ward, Village, city and district levels.
- 8) Various competitions shall be organized in order to increase female's participation in sports.
- 9) Friendly, competitive and recreational sports shall be conducted at national and international levels targeting the physically handicapped youth.
- 10) Different recreational activities shall be conducted to utilize leisure time of the youth.

G. Control of Drug Addiction:

- 1) In order to discourage addiction and malpractices among the youths, preventive and therapeutic programs shall be conducted by mobilizing extensively the government and the private sector, political organizations and non-governmental associations and organizations.
- 2) Consultation and rehabilitation centers shall be set up for the youth indulged in the use of drugs.

H. Control of Human Trafficking and Sale and Purchase:

- 1) Strict legal provisions shall be made and implemented for controlling trafficking of the Nepali youths into various countries.
- 2) Necessary arrangements shall be made to prevent the migration of the Nepalese youths to foreign countries for illegal and unsafe destinations.
- 3) Special programs shall be conducted to prevent human trafficking, specially the trafficking of young women, within and outside the country, and special priority for job and employment shall be given to the communities which are exposed to such risks.
- 4) Special arrangements shall be made to secure return of the youths to Nepal who had been victims of trafficking and cheated in the name of foreign employment, and an environment of leading easy life in the Nepali society shall be created for them.
- 5) The young women shall be organized and mobilized to act for control and prevention of human trafficking and sale and purchase in the international territory.

I. Freeing the Youth involved in Crime and Violence:

- 1) Special programs shall be conducted to discourage involvement of the youths in various types of violence.
- 2) Special arrangements shall be made to discourage involvement of the youths in criminal, illegal and anti-social activities.
- 3) The youths involved in crimes, violence, illegal and anti-social activities shall be rehabilitated after their reform, and programs shall be conducted in a coordinated manner to create for them an environment of leading an easy life in the society.

J. Youth Participation in Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development:

- 1) The youths shall be mobilized in the protection of biological diversity, *himal*, *himal* (himalake), *simsar* (marsh area) and water resources.
- 2) The youth shall be mobilized in necessary works relating to global climate change, increase in temperature, climate pollution and excessive exploitation of natural resources.
- 3) Programs relating to enhancing participation of the youth groups in sustainable development and environmental protection shall be prioritized.

K. Youth's Access to Science and Information Technology:

- 1) An environment shall be created to encourage the special young genius belonging to the sector of Science and Technology and to provide them with an opportunity to study and get training in foreign countries and to accord them a place of honor in the country thereafter.
- 2) Special scholarships shall be provided with a view to attracting intelligent youths in the development of modern technology in utilization of means and resources, agriculture, livestock, herbal production and processing, hydropower sector etc.
- 3) Programs shall be conducted in a coordinated manner to ensure the access of the rural youths to information and communication technology.
- 4) Information technology related programs shall be conducted for the youths belonging to the special priority group.
- 5) In the age of globalization the Nepali youths shall be made competitive in the world market by making them skilled in information and technology sector.

L. Youth Participation in Establishing Sustainable Peace and Conflict Resolution:

- 1) Meaningful participation of the youths shall be ensured in the process of establishment of peace, truth seeking and reconciliation.

- 2) Youth associations/organizations and institutions shall be involved in the process of establishment of peace and conflict transformation.
- 3) In order to reduce the divisions made on the basis of class, caste, language, area and sex, such programs shall be promoted so as to mobilize the youth after making them trained.
- 4) Respecting diversity, the youths shall be encouraged and mobilized to consolidate national unity.

M. Equality in Development:

- 1) In order to implement the policy of social inclusion special programs shall be conducted targeting the youths belonging to the special priority group.
- 2) Recognizing the genius of the youths belonging to the priority and the special priority groups and living under the poverty line, they will be helped to progress through the program of protective discrimination.

N. Special Sectoral Priorities:

- 1) Adopting a special teaching method for providing education to physically challenged youths in an easy manner, schools and educational centers equipped with facilities shall be established.
- 2) Providing skill oriented and vocation training in accordance with one's competence, necessary arrangements shall be made identifying employment opportunities where the physically challenged persons may accomplish the work.
- 3) Public transport, buildings, toilets etc. shall be made handicapped friendly.
- 4) Arrangements shall be made to provide necessary helping materials to the physically challenged youths in an easy and accessible manner.
- 5) Conducting treatment and rehabilitation programs for the youths facing risks, a policy of rehabilitating them in the society shall be adopted by giving them skill-oriented and vocational education and providing them with proper employment.
- 6) A rehabilitation program shall be taken forward by making arrangements for providing special priority to conflict victim youths in education, health and employment sectors. Besides, programs about making proper arrangements for employment shall be conducted by providing for skill-oriented training.
- 7) Special programs shall be conducted to ensure the access of the minority and marginalized youths to the natural, social, cultural and traditional resources.

- 8) Special emphasis shall be laid on the protection, promotion and modernization of traditional professions and skills.
- 9) Special priority shall be given to the youths belonging to this group in education, health and employment sectors for their empowerment and orientation, and they will be assimilated in the mainstream of national development.
- 10) The state shall grant special priority to increase the access of the youths belonging to *dalit* and Muslim communities and the youth coming from Karnali and backward areas to education, health and employment,

O. Partnership:

- 1) Various programs shall be conducted for the development of the youths in partnership with Nepal Government, provincial Governments, local bodies, political youth associations/organizations, national and international NGOs, Cooperatives, private sector and donor agencies.
- 2) Undertaking collaboration in partnership between associations/organizations network led by or working for youth development, youth clubs, scout and the youth entrepreneurship organizations, special programs shall be conducted to implement this policy.
- 3) Suitable programs shall be conducted to implement the commitments made by Nepal at the international level.
- 4) Projects of economic production and development and construction shall be conducted in partnership with non-resident Nepali youths.
- 5) In order to undertake partnership with the youths in peace and development sectors and for the sake of conducting youth related programs funds shall be set up as per the needs.
- 6) Arrangements shall be made to conduct programs for youth development by earmarking a certain percentage of budgets for the programs to be conducted budget by local bodies.
- 7) Various projects and programs relating to development of the youths shall be conducted in partnership with the associations/organizations working with the youths of other friendly countries including SAARC.

11. Institutional Arrangements:

a) Government Sector:

The Ministry of Youth and Sports shall take the leadership of implementation of this Youth Policy in coordination with all the government bodies, non-government sector and the private sector. The responsibility of implementation, monitoring and coordination of the regional programs targeted by this policy shall be undertaken by the

concerned Ministries. The Ministries of the Central Government shall make necessary legal provisions for implementation of the subjects falling under their respective jurisdictions. Moreover, the Provincial Governments shall continue to implement this policy by making necessary policies and institutional arrangements. The National Youth Council shall carry out the organization, coordination and facilitation of the youth related programs conducted by the government, non-government and private sectors. Necessary laws shall be made to provide for financial and administrative matters for conducting the functions of the Council and its subordinate bodies. In order to develop youth leadership, skills and entrepreneurship among the youth at the local level in accordance with this policy, the present Youth Information Center shall be brought under the National Youth Council and it shall be expanded as per the needs. Besides, provisions shall be made to introduce coordination and uniformity and to make the programs qualitative which are conducted by the associations and organizations and bodies involved in youth development and technological development programs.

As this policy shall be implemented through different Ministries, an inter Ministry National Youth Policy Coordination Committee shall be set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Youth and Sports for inter ministry coordination. Likewise, for conducting facilitation following monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of this policy, an inter Ministry National Youth Policy Monitoring and Evaluation Committee shall be constituted under the convener ship of the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

b) Non-Government and Private Sectors:

A suitable environment shall be created for conducting youth related programs by encouraging and mobilizing the youth associations/organizations, national and international non-governmental associations and organizations, the private sector, Cooperatives, civil society and local bodies. Such associations and organizations shall be treated as partners in order to mobilize their resources for youth related programs. The direction and coordination of its work shall be conducted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, sector wise Ministries and National Youth Council.

12. Financial:

The implementation of this policy shall be made through the regular budget of the concerned Ministry and bodies. The Central Government, the Provincial Governments and the local bodies shall keep implementing the objectives and policies relating to youth development envisioned by this Policy in the periodic and annual plans of the Central Government, Provincial Governments and local bodies. Apart from this, in coordination and partnership with national and international non-governmental organizations, Cooperatives, private resources shall be collected and mobilized and youth development programs shall be conducted as targeted by this policy.

13. Monitoring and Evaluation:

The Ministry of Youth and Sports shall act as a mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of whether or not the outcomes and objectives of this National Youth Policy could be achieved fully or partially in course of its implementation. For that necessary arrangements shall be made for enhancement of the institutional competence of the Ministry. For the sake of monitoring and evaluation, a participatory monitoring system shall be adopted in coordination with sector wise Ministries, and non-governmental and private sectors. The implementation of this policy shall be further refined and reformed as required following its review.

14. Repeal and Saving:

The National Youth Policy, 2066 has been repealed. The activities performed in accordance with the aforementioned policy shall be deemed to have been performed according to this National Youth Policy, 2072.
