

establishment of adequate framework conditions, structural adjustment, and the application of social measures required for their implementation.

(a) Empowering communities

7. Sustainable development must be achieved at every level of society. Peoples' organizations, women's groups and non-governmental organizations are important sources of innovation and action at the local level and have a strong interest and proven ability to promote sustainable livelihoods. Governments, in cooperation with appropriate international and non-governmental organizations should support a community-driven approach to sustainability, which would include, inter alia:

- (a) Empowering women through full participation in decision-making;
- (b) Respecting the cultural integrity and the rights of indigenous people[s]; ~~and their local communities~~
- (c) Promoting or establishing grass-roots mechanisms to allow for the sharing of experience and knowledge between communities;
- (d) Giving communities a large measure of participation in the sustainable management and protection of the local natural resources in order to enhance their productive capacity;
- (e) Establishing a network of community-based learning centres for capacity-building and sustainable development.

(b) Management-related activities

8. Governments, with the assistance of and in cooperation with appropriate international, non-governmental, and local community organizations, should establish measures which will directly or indirectly:

- (a) Generate remunerative employment and productive occupational opportunities compatible with country-specific factor endowments, on a scale sufficient to take care of prospective increases in the labour force and to cover backlogs;
- (b) With international support, where necessary, develop adequate infrastructure, marketing systems, technology systems, credit systems etc. and human resources to support the above actions and to achieve a widening of options for resource-poor people. High priority should be given to basic education and professional training;
- (c) Provide substantial increases in economically efficient resource productivity and measures to ensure that the local population benefits in adequate measure from resource use;