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Global Social Equity Alliance- Summary

Introduction

The Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA), alongside its cornerstone initiatives such as African Union 2063 (AU2063), the Unity Center of Excellence (UCE), the Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE), and the comprehensive framework of Agenda for Social Equity 2074, represents a collaborative effort to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time. These interconnected organizations and initiatives aim to transform global development through a multi-dimensional approach that integrates research, education, social equity, and sustainable development.

At the core of this vision is the recognition that no single entity or sector can drive lasting change alone. By fostering strong partnerships among governments, the private sector, academia, and civil society, GSEA and its partners are committed to creating solutions that are both scalable and sustainable, aligned with the aspirations of global agendas such as Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This document provides an in-depth overview of the strategic framework guiding these initiatives. Through this summary, we will explore the purpose, structure, and expected outcomes of GSEA, AU2063, UCE, UACE, and Agenda 2074, shedding light on the collaborative efforts underway to build a more inclusive, resilient, and equitable global society.

Chapter 1: Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA)

The **Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA)** represents a framework aimed at addressing social inequities on a global scale. Rooted in the principles of inclusivity, equity, and sustainability, it serves as a unifying platform for four cornerstone initiatives: the **African Union 2063 (AU2063)**, the **Unity Center of Excellence (UCE)**, the **Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE)**, and the **Agenda for Social Equity 2074**. Together, these initiatives form an ecosystem designed to bridge the gap between vision and action, creating systemic change through collaboration and innovation.

Purpose and Vision

GSEA's central mission is to foster equity by addressing interconnected global challenges—poverty, climate change, access to education, and economic disparity among them. Its philosophy is grounded in the idea that sustainable progress requires both structural change and the empowerment of individuals and communities. Recognizing the limitations of fragmented development efforts, the Alliance provides a cohesive framework where diverse programs work in tandem toward shared objectives.

At the heart of GSEA's vision is a dual commitment:

1. To ensure that research, education, and practical implementation are seamlessly integrated.
2. To allocate resources and solutions where they are most urgently needed, ensuring that no community is left behind.

The Four Cornerstone Initiatives

1. **African Union 2063 (AU2063)**: AU2063 focuses on implementing large-scale projects across Africa in alignment with the African Union's Agenda 2063. It is the Alliance's primary driver of

practical, on-the-ground solutions in agriculture, digital innovation, infrastructure, governance, and environmental resilience.

2. **Unity Center of Excellence (UCE):** Serving as the Alliance’s research and innovation hub, UCE operates through 18 specialized divisions, each dedicated to advancing knowledge and solutions in critical areas such as food security, peacebuilding, and vocational training. Its role is to ensure that all initiatives are grounded in evidence-based strategies and cutting-edge insights.
3. **Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE):** While closely linked to UCE, UACE focuses specifically on education and capacity-building programs. It bridges academic rigor with practical skill development, tailoring its efforts to equip changemakers, leaders, and communities with the tools needed to implement sustainable solutions. UACE emphasizes vocational training, leadership development, and community education, recognizing that impactful change begins with empowered individuals.
4. **Agenda for Social Equity 2074:** This long-term framework outlines a global vision for equity through its 17 **Social Global Goals**. Inspired by the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, Agenda 2074 provides the philosophical and structural foundation for the Alliance’s efforts. It ensures that the GSEA’s programs align with broader global aspirations while maintaining flexibility to address local realities.

A Cohesive and Adaptive Structure

GSEA is more than the sum of its parts. It acts as a dynamic bridge, ensuring that research, education, and implementation not only coexist but actively enhance one another. For instance, insights from UCE guide AU2063’s initiatives, while the leadership and vocational training offered by UACE ensure that these projects are executed by well-equipped individuals and communities. Meanwhile, Agenda 2074 offers a shared roadmap, ensuring alignment across all efforts.

A Scholarly and Practical Ambition

What distinguishes GSEA is its commitment to both academic rigor and real-world impact. The Alliance combines the intellectual resources of its Centers of Excellence with the practical orientation of AU2063 to create solutions that are both innovative and actionable. UACE’s focus on education ensures that these solutions are widely understood and effectively implemented, while Agenda 2074 provides a long-term vision that unites these efforts under a shared global framework.

For scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, GSEA represents an unprecedented opportunity to study and engage with an integrated approach to global equity. Its mission transcends the challenges of today, aiming to lay the foundation for a more just and sustainable future.

Chapter 2: African Unity 2063 (AU2063)

African Unity 2063 (AU2063) is one of the cornerstone initiatives of the Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA), dedicated to implementing transformative projects across Africa in alignment with the African Union’s **Agenda 2063**. AU2063 is a pragmatic response to the continent’s aspirations for inclusive growth, self-reliance, and global influence. It serves as a driving force for sustainable development by addressing systemic challenges through large-scale, coordinated efforts.

Purpose and Vision

AU2063 is deeply rooted in the African Union's Agenda 2063, which envisions "*The Africa We Want*"—a prosperous, unified, and globally competitive continent. Its mission is to translate this vision into actionable programs that deliver tangible outcomes in key areas such as agriculture, digital innovation, infrastructure, governance, and environmental sustainability.

The initiative seeks to overcome the persistent hurdles of poverty, inequality, and limited access to resources by fostering collaboration across borders, sectors, and communities. AU2063 prioritizes a bottom-up approach, ensuring that solutions are tailored to local needs while aligning with broader regional and global goals.

Key Areas of Focus

AU2063 operates through a portfolio of **10 core programs** and **5 supporting programs**, all strategically designed to fulfill the objectives of Agenda 2063. These programs span multiple sectors, addressing both immediate needs and long-term goals for sustainable development.

Core programs include:

1. **Social Development and Empowering Programme (SDEP)**: Focused on food security, skill training, and technology implementation, SDEP works to empower communities by enhancing their resilience and self-sufficiency.
2. **Empowerment through Infrastructure (ETI)**: Addresses critical infrastructure needs, including energy, transportation, and digital connectivity, providing communities with the foundation to thrive in a global economy.
3. Environmental resilience programs aimed at combating climate change and promoting sustainable resource management.
4. Initiatives supporting trade facilitation and regional economic integration.
5. Digital innovation projects designed to bridge the digital divide and boost technological capacity.

The five supporting programs strengthen the impact of the core initiatives by addressing systemic barriers and enabling cohesive implementation. These programs are closer to the realization of Agenda 2063.

Strategic Approach

AU2063's strength lies in its ability to integrate local insights with regional and international expertise. It actively engages a diverse range of stakeholders, including national governments, regional economic communities (RECs), private sector partners, and civil society organizations. By fostering collaboration, AU2063 ensures that its initiatives are not only impactful but also sustainable and inclusive.

To optimize efficiency and transparency, AU2063 employs cutting-edge tools like **FlexSus**, a data-driven monitoring system that provides real-time analytics to guide decision-making. This system ensures that resources are allocated effectively and that outcomes are measurable and scalable.

Challenges and Opportunities

AU2063 operates in a complex and dynamic landscape, where challenges such as political instability, funding constraints, and climate vulnerability must be navigated. However, these challenges are

counterbalanced by immense opportunities. Africa's youthful population, abundant natural resources, and burgeoning innovation ecosystems create a fertile ground for transformative change.

Impact and Vision for 2063

Looking ahead, AU2063 aspires to position Africa as a unified and self-sufficient global leader. By focusing on sustainability, inclusivity, and resilience, the initiative aims to empower communities and nations to take ownership of their development pathways. Its success will not only benefit Africa but also contribute to global stability and prosperity.

For academics and practitioners, AU2063 represents an unparalleled opportunity to study and engage with an integrated approach to regional development. Its emphasis on collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity makes it a model for achieving large-scale societal transformation.

Chapter 3: Unity Center of Excellence (UCE)

The **Unity Center of Excellence (UCE)** is a research and innovation hub forming another key pillar of the Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA). With its adaptable structure, the UCE is designed to support regional needs across continents, taking the form of, for instance, the African Unity Center of Excellence (AUCE) or the European Center of Excellence (EUCE). This regional differentiation allows the UCE to address localized challenges while maintaining a cohesive global framework for progress.

Purpose and Vision

The UCE exists to bridge the gap between research and practical implementation, serving as a conduit for academic knowledge and real-world impact. Its primary purpose is to bring together universities and professors into collaborative consortiums, enabling interdisciplinary research across 18 specialized divisions. These divisions represent key focus areas aligned with global development goals, such as food security, digital inclusion, environmental resilience, peacebuilding, and vocational training.

By fostering partnerships between academic institutions, private enterprises, non-profits, and governments, the UCE seeks to create a robust ecosystem for innovation. It is a platform where cutting-edge research informs actionable solutions tailored to diverse social, economic, and environmental contexts.

Regional Adaptation

While the UCE operates under a unified framework, its regional iterations—such as the AUCE in Africa or the EUCE in Europe—adapt their activities to the unique circumstances of their respective geographies. For example:

- In Ethiopia, the AUCE may prioritize research on sustainable agriculture and climate resilience to address food insecurity.
- In Sweden, the EUCE may focus on digital transformation and sustainable energy systems to further enhance technological and environmental leadership.

This adaptability ensures that the UCE's work remains relevant and impactful across different regions while fostering cross-continental collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The 18 Divisions

The UCE's work is organized into 18 specialized divisions, each focusing on a critical area of research and development. These divisions include:

1. Food Security and Agricultural Innovation
 2. Digital Inclusion and Technology Transfer
 3. Environmental Resilience and Climate Adaptation
 4. Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
 5. Vocational Training and Workforce Development
 6. Education for Sustainable Development
 7. Public Health and Community Wellness
 8. Infrastructure and Urban Planning
- ... and other areas vital to achieving equitable and sustainable development.

Each division operates as an autonomous entity with its own governance structure, ensuring flexibility and responsiveness to emerging challenges. However, they remain interconnected under the UCE's overarching strategy, enabling interdisciplinary approaches to complex problems.

Consortium Model

The UCE's strength lies in its **consortium model**, which brings together academic institutions, research organizations, and industry leaders. Professors and researchers from participating universities collaborate on projects that align with the divisions' focus areas. This model not only enriches the research process but also ensures that findings are grounded in practical applications, benefiting both local and global communities.

In addition, the consortium model encourages capacity building within participating institutions. By involving students, early-career researchers, and community stakeholders, the UCE nurtures the next generation of leaders in innovation and development.

Strategic Role in GSEA

As a cornerstone initiative of GSEA, the UCE plays a pivotal role in providing the research and expertise necessary for implementing projects under initiatives like African Union 2063, Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE), and the Agenda for Social Equity 2074. By translating academic insights into scalable solutions, the UCE ensures that GSEA's programs are informed by the latest evidence and best practices.

Impact and Outlook

Looking ahead, the UCE aims to become a global leader in interdisciplinary research and collaborative problem-solving. By aligning its work with regional needs and global aspirations, it has the potential to drive innovation across sectors and borders. Its success will not only bolster the effectiveness of GSEA's initiatives but also demonstrate the transformative power of academia-industry partnerships in addressing the world's most pressing challenges.

For scholars and practitioners, the UCE represents an unparalleled opportunity to contribute to groundbreaking research while making a tangible impact on society. It is a model of how academia can lead the charge toward a more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable world.

Chapter 4: Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE)

The **Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE)** complements the Unity Center of Excellence (UCE) by serving as its educational counterpart. Like the UCE, the UACE operates under a region-specific model, adopting names such as the African Unity Academy Center of Excellence (AUACE) and the European Unity Academy Center of Excellence (EUACE) to reflect localized approaches. This structure enables UACE to tailor its programs to the unique educational and developmental needs of each region while adhering to a global standard of excellence.

Purpose and Vision

The UACE's mission is to advance knowledge through education and professional development, bridging the gap between academic research and practical skill-building. It ensures that the innovative insights generated by the UCE are disseminated effectively, fostering a new generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

In alignment with the 18 specialized divisions of the UCE, the UACE develops educational programs that include:

- **Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees** in areas such as sustainable agriculture, environmental resilience, and digital innovation.
- **PhD programs** that integrate cutting-edge research with global applications.
- **Professional development courses** to upskill practitioners and professionals working in aligned sectors.

This structure ensures a seamless connection between research and education, creating a pipeline of expertise that can tackle local and global challenges.

Regional Adaptation

Each UACE adapts its programs to the unique conditions of its region. For instance:

- The AUACE may emphasize vocational training and agriculture-related PhD programs in Africa, addressing critical needs in food security and rural development.
- The EUACE might prioritize advanced education in digital transformation and green energy technologies, reflecting Europe's leadership in innovation and sustainability.

These regional adaptations ensure relevance while fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing across borders.

Integration with Universities

The UACE relies on a consortium model that brings together universities, research institutions, and industry partners. Participating universities play a dual role:

1. **Research and Innovation:** Collaborating with the UCE's divisions to contribute cutting-edge research.
2. **Education and Development:** Designing and delivering educational programs aligned with UCE's focus areas.

This integration ensures that students at the UACE are exposed to the latest academic insights and are trained in applying them to real-world challenges. Moreover, professors and researchers involved in

the UCE's projects enrich UACE's curriculum with their expertise, creating a dynamic and engaging learning environment.

18 Specialized Divisions

The UACE aligns its educational offerings with the 18 divisions established under the UCE. These divisions include:

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
2. Digital Inclusion and Technological Innovation
3. Climate Adaptation and Environmental Sciences
4. Peacebuilding and Governance
5. Vocational Training and Skill Development
6. Public Health and Community Wellness
7. Education for Sustainable Development
8. Infrastructure and Urban Planning

... and more.

While closely linked to the UCE's research priorities, the UACE emphasizes practical skill-building, ensuring that its graduates are prepared to implement solutions at both local and global levels.

Building Capacity Through Education

The UACE is committed to capacity building within its regional and global networks. By offering tailored programs across its divisions, it seeks to address skills gaps, foster innovation, and empower communities. Key initiatives include:

- **PhD fellowships and mentorships** to develop academic leaders.
- **Community-focused training** that equips local populations with the tools and knowledge to drive change.
- **Collaborative projects** that involve students, professors, and practitioners in solving real-world problems.

This focus on education not only enhances regional capacity but also ensures that the UACE contributes to long-term, sustainable development.

Strategic Role in GSEA

The UACE is a cornerstone of GSEA, working hand in hand with the UCE, African Union 2063, and Agenda for Social Equity 2074. Its role is to translate the vision and research of these initiatives into actionable learning experiences. By providing high-quality education and training, the UACE ensures that the knowledge generated by the UCE is widely disseminated and effectively applied.

Impact and Outlook

The UACE envisions a future where education drives societal transformation. Through its regionally adapted, globally informed programs, it aims to cultivate leaders and innovators who can address the world's most pressing challenges. Whether in Africa, Europe, or beyond, the UACE serves as a beacon

of educational excellence, empowering individuals and communities to build a more equitable and sustainable future.

For universities and academics, the UACE represents an opportunity to contribute to a transformative educational initiative. It offers a platform to collaborate on groundbreaking research, train future leaders, and shape the future of global development.

Chapter 5: Agenda for Social Equity 2074

The **Agenda for Social Equity 2074** represents the culmination of ongoing global and regional efforts to create a fairer, more sustainable world. Serving as the ultimate progression of initiatives like the UN's **Agenda 2030** and the African Union's **Agenda 2063**, Agenda 2074 integrates the lessons learned and builds upon these frameworks to forge a unified vision for equity, sustainability, and shared prosperity. Agenda 2074 is EUSL's approach on social inclusion and social equity.

Purpose and Vision

Agenda 2074 is a transformative roadmap aimed at addressing the evolving needs of humanity and the planet. It adopts a forward-thinking approach to ensure long-term societal and environmental balance while tackling systemic inequities. The agenda revolves around **17 Social Global Goals (SGGs)**—a comprehensive model inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals but tailored to emphasize equity and inclusivity.

The Social Global Goals serve as a guiding framework for governments, organizations, and communities to align their efforts toward building a socially equitable world. These goals are not merely aspirations but practical objectives rooted in measurable outcomes, fostering accountability and impact.

The 17 Social Global Goals

The Social Global Goals expand upon and refine previous frameworks to address the challenges of a rapidly changing global landscape. Key priorities include:

SGG 1: Universal Access to Essential Services

Ensuring that every individual has access to basic services such as healthcare, clean water, education, and energy, is the foundation for building inclusive societies. Universal access to these essential services is a prerequisite for equitable growth and social well-being, addressing disparities and promoting dignity for all.

SGG 2: Eradicating Poverty through Social Support

Eradicating poverty is not just about financial resources, but also about comprehensive social support systems. This goal focuses on implementing robust social safety nets, empowering marginalized communities, and ensuring that economic growth translates into tangible improvements in the lives of those most in need.

SGG 3: Gender Equality and Empowerment

Achieving gender equality is critical for the advancement of any society. This goal aims to eliminate gender-based discrimination, promote equal opportunities, and ensure that women and girls have access to education, healthcare, and economic resources, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive.

SGG 4: Educational Equity and Lifelong Learning

Educational equity is essential for fostering a more inclusive and sustainable society. This goal emphasizes the importance of providing quality education to all, regardless of background or socio-economic status, and supporting lifelong learning opportunities for personal and professional growth.

SGG 5: Mental Health and Well-being for All

Promoting mental health and well-being is central to the overall health and productivity of society. This goal focuses on breaking the stigma surrounding mental health, providing access to necessary services, and creating environments where individuals are supported in managing mental health challenges.

SGG 6: Community Resilience and Disaster Preparedness

Building resilient communities is key to minimizing the impact of natural disasters, social upheaval, and economic shocks. This goal aims to strengthen communities' ability to anticipate, prepare for, and recover from crises, ensuring long-term stability and security for all citizens.

SGG 7: Inclusive and Equitable Urban Development

Urbanization must be inclusive, ensuring equitable access to housing, infrastructure, and public services. This goal aims to foster urban development that prioritizes the needs of all people, including the most vulnerable, and creates sustainable, livable cities that promote equality and community well-being.

SGG 8: Social Justice and Fair Governance

Social justice is the cornerstone of a fair and equitable society. This goal advocates for the establishment of transparent, accountable, and inclusive governance systems, ensuring equal rights for all citizens, and the fair distribution of resources, opportunities, and protections under the law.

SGG 9: Eradication of Social Inequality

Social inequality continues to hinder progress globally. This goal focuses on addressing systemic inequalities based on race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other factors, working towards creating a society where all individuals are treated equally and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

SGG 10: Decent Work for Social Empowerment

Access to decent work is a crucial element of social empowerment. This goal advocates for providing fair wages, job security, and safe working conditions, while also ensuring that individuals, especially those from disadvantaged groups, can access meaningful employment opportunities that enhance their quality of life.

SGG 11: Support for Youth and Children's Development

Investing in the development of youth and children is vital for building a better future. This goal focuses on ensuring that children and young people have access to quality education, health services, and safe environments, fostering their personal growth and preparing them to become active contributors to society.

SGG 12: Fostering Social Cohesion and Inclusivity

Social cohesion and inclusivity are essential for a harmonious society. This goal aims to create spaces for people from diverse backgrounds to live, work, and interact together, promoting mutual respect, understanding, and a sense of belonging among all members of society.

SGG 13: Protection of Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, refugees, and those living with disabilities, often face additional challenges in society. This goal emphasizes the need for tailored policies and initiatives that provide protection, support, and integration opportunities to ensure their rights and well-being are safeguarded.

SGG 14: Cultural and Community Identity Preservation

Cultural and community identity preservation is key to maintaining the richness of human diversity. This goal promotes the protection of cultural heritage, traditions, and languages, while ensuring that communities have the space to express their identities in an evolving global landscape.

SGG 15: Support for Family and Community Structures

Strong family and community structures are essential to the fabric of society. This goal emphasizes the importance of supporting these structures by providing resources, social services, and policies that strengthen family bonds, community engagement, and mutual support networks.

SGG 16: Promoting Civic Engagement and Participation

Active civic engagement is fundamental to democratic societies. This goal encourages individuals to participate in political, social, and cultural life, ensuring that citizens can voice their concerns, contribute to decision-making processes, and hold governments accountable to the needs of the people.

SGG 17: Ethical Use of Technology for Social Benefit

Technology has the power to transform society, but its ethical use is crucial to ensure it benefits all. This goal advocates for the responsible development and application of technology, ensuring that innovations are used to promote social equity, enhance livelihoods, and solve the global challenges of today and tomorrow.

Each goal reflects the interconnected nature of global challenges, emphasizing that progress in one area contributes to advancements in others.

Endgame of Current Agendas

Agenda 2074 acts as a natural successor to the current global frameworks:

- **Agenda 2030 (UN SDGs):** Expanding upon the Sustainable Development Goals by incorporating more robust equity-focused metrics.
- **Agenda 2063 (Africa's Blueprint):** Building on Africa's successes in unity, self-reliance, and sustainable development to inform a global narrative.
- **Regional Agendas:** Drawing insights from initiatives like the European Green Deal and localized development frameworks.

By synthesizing these agendas, Agenda 2074 seeks to address both persistent and emerging challenges with a unified vision.

Strategic Role in GSEA

The **Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA)** is the host and driver of Agenda 2074. Acting as a custodian, GSEA facilitates the coordination of governments, academic institutions, non-profits, and private-

sector entities to ensure alignment with the Social Global Goals. The agenda acts as both a roadmap and a unifying force for GSEA's cornerstone initiatives:

- **African Unity 2063:** Providing a foundation for Agenda 2074's Africa-focused strategies.
- **Unity Center of Excellence (UCE):** Delivering research and insights to refine and implement the SGGs.
- **Unity Academy Center of Excellence (UACE):** Educating and empowering individuals to lead efforts aligned with the agenda.

Global Commitment to Equity

Agenda 2074's defining principle is equity—ensuring that resources, opportunities, and support are distributed to those who need them most. This focus addresses systemic imbalances, empowering historically marginalized communities and fostering a sense of shared responsibility for global challenges.

A Path Forward

With its foundation in research, education, and cross-sector collaboration, Agenda 2074 is positioned as a dynamic, evolving framework. It serves not only as a guide for action but also as a benchmark for progress, continuously adapting to global realities and the aspirations of future generations.

By 2074, the agenda envisions a world where humanity has achieved an unprecedented level of harmony with itself and the planet—where the pursuit of equity has become a universal cornerstone of progress.

Chapter 6: Funding Strategy for GSEA and its Cornerstone Initiatives

As the **Global Social Equity Alliance (GSEA)** proceed with the objectives, securing sustainable and robust funding for the initiatives is critical to ensuring the long-term success and impact of the cornerstone programs we are developing. This funding strategy is designed to be both adaptable and comprehensive, catering to the multifaceted needs of our initiatives while ensuring coherence with broader global and regional development goals.

The approach that have beenm outlined incorporates innovative financial mechanisms and strategic partnerships that align with GSEA's overarching goals. It is imperative that both the immediate and long-term needs for financing is considered, particularly in relation to our cornerstone programs such as the **Social Development and Empowering Programme (SDEP)**, which will require continuous and scalable support.

1. EUSL SDEP Envelope: Tailored for a Multifaceted Initiative

One of the initial steps in our funding strategy is the establishment of the SDEP Envelope, a mechanism designed specifically for the SDEP. Given that SDEP encompasses a diverse range of sectors—including technology, skill training, and infrastructure—the African Development Bank (AfDB) has advised that a dedicated funding envelope will be the most effective way to manage the complexities of this program. This specialized envelope will allow us to pre-qualify different aspects of the program, from technical components to skill development and training, ensuring transparency and efficiency in how funds are allocated and utilized.

The introduction of the SDEP Envelope also facilitates greater alignment with AfDB's standards and protocols, ensuring that funding flows smoothly and is subject to the appropriate oversight. Notably,

EUSL has already received confirmed interest from several COMESA member states, further strengthening the potential for SDEP to become a transformative program for the region.

2. Scaling Up: Aligning SDEP with the CEHA Programme

While the SDEP Envelope provides the foundation for initial funding, it is clear that such an envelope will not be sufficient for the broader, long-term vision we have for SDEP. We foresee a future where SDEP is integrated with the CEHA and other programmes, thus creating a more expansive model that can be replicated across multiple COMESA states. This integration is critical for the program's sustainability and scalability, and our funding model must evolve to reflect this.

The vision for SDEP in the next decade is to become a fully integrated, region-wide program, with the capacity to deliver across different contexts within COMESA. This requires not only the initial funding from the SDEP Envelope but also a more comprehensive approach that can support the program's expansion. We anticipate that the integration of SDEP and CEHA will require substantial additional resources, enabling us to drive sustained impact over time.

3. Boost Africa 2.0: A Long-Term Funding Solution for GSEA

To fulfill the long-term ambitions of GSEA and its programs, we propose the creation of Boost Africa 2.0—a renewed and expanded version of the previous Boost Africa initiative, which ran from 2016 to 2020. The original Boost Africa program closely aligns with the goals of GSEA, providing a framework for financial support that focuses on fostering sustainable development through investment and technical assistance.

However, Boost Africa 2.0 must be more ambitious, extending its timeline from the present through 2074. This extended duration aligns directly with our Agenda for Social Equity 2074, providing a long-term funding framework that will support the goals of GSEA well into the future. With this extended timeline, we ensure that the funding model remains flexible, enabling us to adapt to changing circumstances while continuously pushing toward our objectives.

4. Strategic Partnerships: AfDB, EIB, World Bank, and IsDB

In the context of Boost Africa 2.0, we envision strong collaboration with key financial institutions, including the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the World Bank, and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). These institutions bring a wealth of experience, capital, and credibility, making them ideal partners for the scale and scope of Boost Africa 2.0.

A central component of Boost Africa 2.0 will be the issuance of green and social bonds, which are critical for attracting both public and private investment. These bonds will focus on financing projects that contribute to sustainable development, ensuring that funds are directed to impactful initiatives aligned with GSEA's goals. In addition to green and social bonds, the funding programme may explore other financial instruments such as impact bonds or development bonds, which will allow us to further diversify the funding sources for Boost Africa 2.0. EUSL will also look into bringing private capital into the framework of Boost Africa 2.0

The collaboration with the EIB, in particular, will help secure funding that supports technology for environmentally sustainable projects, while the World Bank and IsDB will play vital roles in providing both the financial and technical support needed to implement these initiatives effectively. This partnership ensures that Boost Africa 2.0 is not only a financial program but a holistic, integrated approach to development funding. However, EUSL see that it is AfDB that takes first lien and charge on Boost Africa 2.0 itself.

5. Phased Financing and Long-Term Commitment

The structure of Boost Africa 2.0 will allow for phased financing, meaning that investors and lenders will be able to participate over an extended period. This phased approach ensures that funding is available throughout the different stages of SDEP, other programs, research and the realization of various agendas out there, as well as and the broader initiatives, providing flexibility to address evolving needs and priorities.

Furthermore, it is expected that over time, Boost Africa 2.0 will attract a broad base of investors, including family offices, impact investors, and other development banks. The goal is to create a steady and predictable stream of funding that will support GSEA's objectives and enable the organization to scale its programs effectively.

6. Ensuring the Sustainability of Social Equity Initiatives

The funding strategy for GSEA and its cornerstone programs is designed to ensure long-term sustainability, financial security, and adaptability. By establishing a dedicated SDEP Envelope, aligning SDEP with the CEHA Programme, and implementing Boost Africa 2.0, EUSL can guarantee that the initiatives will be adequately financed, monitored, and scaled.

Our approach reflects a commitment to collaboration, innovation, and sustainable development, ensuring that GSEA remains a dynamic, impactful force for social equity in Africa and beyond. By leveraging the expertise and resources of key partners like AfDB, EIB, World Bank, and IsDB, we can create a financing model that supports the realization of the Agenda for Social Equity 2074 and secures lasting change for the communities we aim to serve.

Governance and Accountability

Effective governance and accountability are critical to the success of any ambitious initiative, and GSEA is no exception. Given the scale and scope of the projects under Agenda 2074, it is essential to establish clear and transparent mechanisms for oversight and evaluation. GSEA will implement a robust governance framework to ensure that funding is allocated efficiently and that all programs achieve their intended outcomes.

To this end, GSEA will maintain a multi-tiered governance structure, composed of advisory boards, operational committees, and strategic steering groups, which hopefully will include representatives from key stakeholders such as AfDB, World Bank, and IsDB, as well as prominent academic leaders and experts in relevant fields. These groups will oversee key decision-making processes, ensuring alignment with the overall goals of Agenda 2074 and Agenda 2063.

Accountability will be built into every level of operation. Regular auditing procedures will be conducted by independent firms, ensuring financial transparency and the effective use of resources. Additionally, the impact of each program will be assessed periodically, with reports made publicly available to ensure that progress is tracked and outcomes are measured against set goals. This will include quantitative evaluations for measurable success, as well as qualitative assessments to evaluate the broader social impact of the initiatives.

Moreover, GSEA may also leverage cutting-edge technologies such as blockchain to facilitate transparent and immutable tracking of funds, enabling stakeholders to have real-time access to how money is being spent and where it is directed. This approach will ensure that donors and partners have full confidence that their investments are driving positive and measurable change.

Private Sector Engagement

In parallel with institutional partners, GSEA recognizes the critical role the private sector must play in supporting the development of sustainable solutions across Africa and Europe. Through EUSL and AFSL's principles of Charity as a Business (CaaB), GSEA seeks to engage businesses not only as sources of funding but also as active collaborators in achieving shared social and environmental goals.

The CaaB model allows for the blending of commercial and social objectives, ensuring that businesses can profit while making a meaningful social impact. Through this model, GSEA will collaborate with private companies across sectors such as technology, logistics, energy, agriculture, and manufacturing. These collaborations will take the form of strategic partnerships, sponsorships, and investment opportunities that align with the objectives of the Social Global Goals and Agenda 2074.

In addition to direct financial support, the private sector's involvement will extend to expertise sharing, innovation, and capacity building. Private sector partners will be invited to participate in research initiatives alongside universities and local communities, fostering innovative solutions to critical challenges such as climate resilience, digital inclusion, and sustainable agriculture.

The private sector's engagement will also include corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental, social, governance (ESG) initiatives, where companies can invest in local communities and support programs that directly benefit the populations in COMESA and EU regions. By tapping into corporate resources, GSEA will be able to significantly scale the reach and impact of its programs, leveraging business strategies such as supply chain development, skills training, and technology integration to address the most pressing issues facing the regions.

In this way, GSEA will act as a bridge between the public and private sectors, ensuring that both can collaborate to achieve sustainable development while maximizing the social and economic benefits to the communities they serve.