



Statement for Istanbul Plan of Action (IPoA) in the Context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

A key principle of the Istanbul Plan of Action (IPoA) is that the development process in LDCs should be viewed in a comprehensive and holistic manner. In addition to this integrated approach, the Istanbul Plan of Action ((IPoA) calls for a strong emphasis on technological innovation and technology transfer to the LDCs. To deliver on these objectives, The Institute for Conscious Global Change urges the implementation of Geographic Information Systems, commonly referred to as GIS, within each government administrative level of the LDCs.

The implementation of such a system would facilitate the organization and storage of data in a way that allows analysts to quickly find inter-linkages between issues commonly addressed by disciplines working independently of one another. By viewing overlapping data sets geographically, economic, health, environmental, climate, and energy data can be viewed together, allowing the integrated, holistic solutions called for by the Istanbul Plan of Action (IPoA). Additionally, a GIS would allow LDCs to take ownership, leadership, and primary responsibility for development within their own countries while working with partners such as The Institute for Conscious Global Change, who are committed and standing ready to provide enhanced technical support and capacity building for this sector.

Thank you!

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