

Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria welcome the priority theme of 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on Social Development and the thirtieth anniversary of the international year of Family and further wish to affirm that:

One of the ways to fostering social development and social justice through social policies to accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication is to create a movement in society toward greater equality, economic fairness, communal participation in fostering development, and acceptance of cultural diversity. The movement will seek to empower marginalized communities and exert change in unjust institutionalized systems.

Through community service-learning, with its focus on fostering social development and social justice, making meaningful contributions to society, can be a favorable setting for communal dwellers to gain a lived understanding of social justice through accelerating progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achieving total eradication of poverty that will last a lifetime.

Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria in the course of our programs in the community, observe that much is really needed to strengthen social policies for social justice to facilitate a socially just transition towards sustainable development. There is need to build back better corporately to reduce socioeconomic status of humanity to enable eradication of poverty and improved successes to the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda.

Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria admonishes broad areas of policy action in consideration to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Commission of Social Development in our responding to the intending outcome on the priority Theme as:

- There should be a framework for a better recovery to advance social development and social justice to achieve the 2030 Agenda for all in the perspective of the Decade of Action and progress of the Sustainable Development Goals in communities
- There should be need to invest on communal habitation capital, including training and upskilling for improvement of community resilience and economic growth of communal dweller

Community needs stronger empowerment strategies to drive sustainability on economic development in eradication of poverty and comfortable sustainable cities.