

The UN75 Dialogue Series

Voices from Sheberghan City

Asia Culture House organized a dialogue with five community members in Sheberghan city, Jawzjan province, on November 15th, 2020. This event brought together young professionals and civil society activists to discuss the future and what it holds, what needs to be done now to make the world a better place to live, and how the United Nations can be more helpful.

The dialogue covered the questions that have been provided by the UN Secretariat. We challenged the audience to develop creative ideas to improve our response to and vision of the future.

The video recording can be accessed [here](#).



Summary of key points

The following were key takeaways from this dialogue:

Priorities for the international community to recover better from the pandemic:

To better recover from the pandemic, participants proposed the following priorities in order of descending order of frequency:

- Increase awareness of Covid-19, preventive measures, and access to healthcare facilities, especially in developed economies and rural areas.
- Participants also recommended a focus on the development of and fair access to Covid-19 vaccines.
- Disaster relief including nutritional support to those in need.



Hopes and fears of life in 2045:

- Some participants believed that the world is progressing. They thought that people want positive change despite all the challenges, and they won't go back. Society is developing. The youth want positive change and better opportunities.
- Others brought up the following as a precondition to development:
 - Preparing a strategy and proper plan to prevent a rise in the population, depletion of natural resources and environmental degradation,
 - Preparing sectoral strategies,
 - Increased presence of women in all areas.

The vision of life in 2045:

- The majority wanted global peace by 2045 when the United Nations turns 100. Participants also wanted:
 - Improved diplomatic relationships among the countries and persuasion of global powers by the United Nations not to interfere in domestic affairs of other countries,
 - Universal respect for human rights and democratic values,
 - Population and natural resource management and elimination of discrimination based on gender, language, race, and religion,
 - Advancement in technologies improved living conditions and urbanization and increased awareness of the public.

Obstacles and challenges affecting the vision:

- The majority thought that political rivalries, lack of security, and poverty were significant obstacles in the way of a better world. They mentioned the risk of nuclear war, lack of educational facilities and investment in urban and rural areas, rise in criminal organizations, and lack of public awareness as other challenges.

Roles for global cooperation to address the obstacles:

United Nations and the global community can promote enabling relation join actions among countries. They can facilitate empowering meetings to voice the demands of communities. They can help by promoting the rights of women and children and supporting countries that are struggling.

Recommendations for the United Nations Secretary-General:

Participants advised the United Nations Secretary-General to:

- Focus on the peace processes in warzones, like Afghanistan,
- Set targets for universal human development,
- Invest in the elimination of corruption, mafia, and drug trafficking,
- Reduce violence and raise public awareness, especially in rural areas.

If you wish to share your messages with the UN Secretary-General, please visit <https://un75.online/> and fill the one-minute survey.





