

Geoscience in the Service of Society for Sustainable Development in the new Millennium

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As the century draws to a close and enter into the new millennium, it has become very imperative for geoscientists to audit their contributions with respect to service to the society for its sustainable development.

Major issues like clean environment, drinking water and energy, together with other related issues concerning food, health-care and shelter are indeed global problems confronting almost every developing country. A green planet with all round progress and social development can co-exist and this message must be given to the younger generation of earth-scientists for defining the goals in facing these challenging issues. It is suggested that this is the opportune time to build-up a strategic partnership and cooperation, between geoscience community, universities/organisations, government, and industries, with involvement of public as well. They should formulate a collaborative multi-disciplinary approach in a spirit of determination for well-being of human and finally the well-being of mankind. Internet and information technology can accelerate the process to resolve these major issues.

A new vision should be the commitment of geoscientists to fulfil the needs and expectations of people for their prosperity and welfare. Therefore, the dawn of new millennium provides an opportunity for geoscientists to re-dedicate themselves, with a follow-up action plan for creation of a sane and harmonious global society. Finally, the message is, 'Our Mother Earth - Save it for Future Generation