Climate Justice is Integral to Development Justice

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Climate justice is integral to development justice, as it is essential for building a future free from poverty and violence. It is a critical component of justice in the context of climate change. The right to development in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is crucial to ensure that no one is left behind.

Afghanistan has experienced several conflicts and ongoing state-building processes. Despite the efforts made by the Afghan government and international partners, the situation in Afghanistan remains challenging. The recent ceasefire agreement between the Afghan government and the Taliban has raised hopes for a more peaceful future.

The ceasefire agreement was announced in September 2020, aiming to reduce violence and pave the way for political dialogue. The agreement has been welcomed by many, but questions remain about its sustainability and impact.

What people and the NUG expect from the Taliban insurgents is about any positive impacts or outcomes of ceasefires in the visible or politically urgent as the question of who is fighting for what reason behind, failed ceasefires in Afghanistan is neglecting the effective variables on the ceasefire: For example, when a ceasefire is announced and the neighboring countries that finance and support the insurgent groups are neglected and have not been included in the process, either directly or indirectly, we should not expect a positive outcome of such a ceasefire.

Impact of the Ceasefears on the Conflict in Afghanistan

There are two conflicting views about the nature of ceasefears. We would elaborate a little bit both of them in the following lines.

First, ISIS is not included in this ceasefire. As the recent waves of attacks on different institutions and people show, ISIS has taken the responsibility of such attacks. While, ISIS has the potentials and networks in different parts of the country, even in the peace areas. The Taliban can do one more important step to create a trust with the people in the west by announcing a ceasefire. But, if this ceasefire is announced and the neighboring countries that finance and support the insurgency are not included, then we can say the ceasefire will not have a positive outcome.

Second, though, many Afghans may not consider this initiative as a true one. They believe this ceasefire is just a tactic to reduce violence and tensions. If this ceasefire is announced, then there will be a reduction in violence, but the real issue of human rights and justice will not be discussed.

Role of Women in Social Development Process of Afghanistan

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According to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), women have a critical role to play in social development. Women’s empowerment and human rights are key components of the SDGs.

Women in Afghanistan have been playing an important role in economic development. Despite the challenges women entrepreneurs face in the country, they have been able to sign a $4 million project for women in an exhibition on July 2018. This project is an example of how women are contributing to social development.

Misun was in conversation with CNS (Citizen News Service) on the regional CSO Engagement Mechanism, to review the cluster of SDGs to the regional and global processes, also that civil society’s participation as an equal partners is institutionalized. Women’s human, economic, social and cultural rights are discussed later in July 2018 at the high-level political forum (HLPF) of the United Nations.

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