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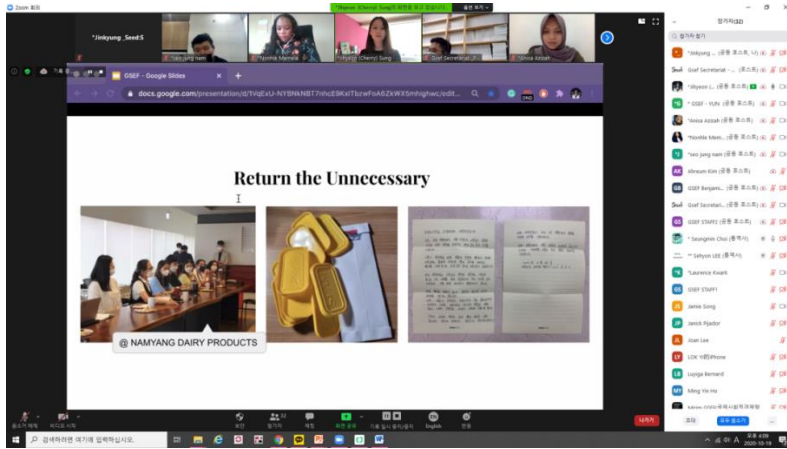
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Speakers

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cherry Sung, Young activist on climate action in Korea2. Anisa Azizah, CEO, Tech Prom Lab , Indonesia3. SEO Jung Nam, CEO, Ballys, Korea4. Andati Morris, Moonlight Initiative, Kenya

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Summary of presentations:

1. **Ms. Cherry Sung**, Young activist on climate action in Korea
 - Shared her experience as a being an active member of ‘Korean Youth Network on Climate Change’, including advocacy to the National Assembly and Ministries, Conglomerates, and citizens.
 - Youth action can be a light to spark solidarity, and should be taken seriously by the policy makers. (it’s not an action for the resume but for the basic human rights to live)
 - Example: their action to resist the Samsung’s participation on the new coal power plant
 - Social and solidarity economy could embrace environment and society in the form of economy.
 - Values of SSE(cooperation, solidarity, equity, and self-management) are inevitable factor to the climate action.
2. **Ms. Anisa Azizah**, CEO, Tech Prom Lab , Indonesia
 - Trying to tackle the issues on waste, flood, and stagnation by providing alternative use of coal power plant waste, developing porous concrete, and transferring technology to the local SMEs.
 - Creating business benefits by using low-cost waste, producing light waste and functional pavement blocks, and by engaging local businesses and workers for long-term.
 - Young people can think outside the box and connect the dots, and go extra miles with passion.
 - Further collaboration with Academia, Businesses, Governments, Media and Society could open more opportunities for the youth to change makers.
3. **Mr. SEO Jung Nam**, CEO, Ballys, Korea
 - Ballys is creating a new value from the valueless item and now producing pet food from the unwanted fish, Bass, in Korea
 - Looking for business opportunity in the growing market of pet industry domestically and internationally, and creating offline stores to raise awareness on the issue of waste and harmonious human life to animals.
 - Aim to share the value that no creature is to be ignored or disregarded by imposing new values to the valueless in the world of competitions and winner takes-it-all.
4. **Mr. Andati Morris**, Moonlight Initiative, Kenya
 - Moonlight Initiative is a youth-led sustainability and circular economy consultancy and now working on the capacity building training on entrepreneurship, producing and selling bamboo crafts with local youth and bamboo farmers.
 - Forming and connecting youth groups, artisans and farmers groups and building up value chains and circular economy in the region.
 - Through these activities led by the youth, the sustainability of the environment and local community development are promoted.

Answers to the GUIDING QUESTION:

How to transform the present and build a better future from the SSE?

- “Co-construction” and “networks of networks” are important. Ongoing dialogue that sprout into partnerships and the active participation of SSE actors and intermediary organizations will

make the SSE sustainable and later come into reality. Additionally, as I have concluded in my presentation, I believe that involving youth- more diverse the better- as stakeholders in the policy process is also key. Effective participation can counter tendencies associated with bureaucratization and lack of transparency and accountability. This means that SSE initiatives will come over initiatives that are not grounded in SSE realities or that undermine autonomy. (by Cherry Sung, , Young activist on climate action in Korea)

Relevant Questions and Answers from Audience:

Martin Ho, GSEF

Question : as a young SSE entrepreneur, what types of obstacles have you faced during the business development? did COVID-19 make it worse?

Answer

- **Jungnam Seo(Ballys):** We planned to reach international market in 2020, but due to the COVID-19, it was difficult to seek for international cooperation and opportunities to connect to overseas market.
- **Arisa Azizah(Tech Prom Lab):**the biggest obstacle would be prejudices to the young women inventor/entrepreneurs. COVID 19 is beneficial actually. It makes easier for us to enter the community without actual moving but via online meeting
- **Cherry Sung(Youth Action on Climate Change):** obstacles are the absence of government support, or not much action taken by the government. Also Ministries think that we are radical or they have prejudice on age. We believed that COVID 19 is actually an opportunity to expand our organization. Many people opened their eyes to the seriousness of climate change.
- **Andati Morris(Moonlight Initiative) :** Our obstacle can be the ageism. It is hard to get a chance to persuade public as a young people. Also lack of policy implementation. – there is no policy on planting bamboos or producing bamboo products. Also there is severe competition in Wood Industry. Bringing in new products in this predominant industry is challenge. Also there is not enough Investment for the youth’s businesses. COVID-19 helped us to mobilize young people more easily. Meeting them in online is easier than before.

Bernard Luyiga, Kenya

Question: To what extent has government embraced or supported the initiative?

Answer:

- **Andati Morris(Moonlight Initiative) :** Kenya forest institute support us in terms of borrowing their expertise. Also the importance of bamboo is mentioned in the country policy on preservation. Therefore the Bamboo is now considered as a cash crop rather than the valueless plant. Government supports are mostly on the awareness.

Add summary or conclusion of the moderator at the end of the session in case there was no closing remarks per presenter/speaker



Last Comment from speakers:

1. **Cherry Sung**, Young activist on climate action in Korea : Networking and connecting all stakeholders is the most important thing to build up the people's power. We should start now.
2. **Anisa Azizah**, CEO, Tech Prom Lab , Indonesia : Being young is an advantage. We are open minded, creative and connecting dots. We can make a bigger impact for the world together.
3. **SEO Jung Nam**, CEO, Ballys, Korea : Now many people are suffered by the discrimination or prejudices, but our actions could contribute to reduce prejudices on the voiceless or the valueless in the society. So let's work together.
4. **Andati Morris**, Moonlight Initiative, Kenya : Young people should be at the main actor when you simply consider in terms of demographics. Let's create a generation to understand responsibility and interdependency.