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## A convergent and inclusive growth model

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After four years of the meeting in Deauville in 2011 for the G8 partnership, the presence of civil society as an actor in the process of economic governance and social justice seems to be necessary.

Indeed, sustainable investment requires consideration of the youth and people's aspirations. A dialogue between the various actors should be conducted in a permanent way, so that democracy and governance evolve to systematically include aspirations of youth and civil society.

The G7 must not be only a strategic implementation framework at macro level but should also serve as a framework for dialogue and more cooperation to accommodate the needs of the Arab countries in transition. The exercise will not easily fix strategies in a transition context and in a process of continuous evolution for all actors, particularly in a regionally unstable environment.

But such a convergence is still possible the moment we consider the interests of all partners. Talking partnership it is also imperative to establish a logic of comprehensive dialogue and reconciliation of interests, especially regional growth policies with national and local development policies.

As for future cooperation, we need to work on these axes:

- 1. The 2011 commitments must be honoured to restore an environment of trust between the different ac tors. This is not the case today.
- 2. Restore a collective security plan to optimize crisis management and the fight against terrorism.
- 3. Support of social justice and transitional justice that is otherwise going to fail because of lacking political initiative due to the economic difficulties and corruption.
- 4. Establishment of a model of "economic good governance". A model of inclusive growth and conver gence that puts local concerns to the centre of interests and promotes social cohesion and stability reducing inequalities.

The convergent and inclusive model that we propose should be in line with the aspirations of society and youth and reflect the convergence of vertical (regional) and horizontal (local) policies and the socio-environmental realities. This model of development needs to be built along the following five lines:

- An Economic Partnership and investments securing inclusive and convergent growth.
- Territorial development (local development, decentralization) to reduce disparities.
- Social cohesion (culture, diversity, equality, intergenerational) and respect for environmental concerns.
- Putting people at the centre (youth, the initiative that emanates from the people and aims at their well-being).
- Convergence towards this model and management of resilience with the process of good governance, integrity and fight against corruption in order to move forward with an approach integrating youth and women on all levels











