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**a)** the empowerment of individuals and communities -- through education for all, training, networking and building inclusive and participatory knowledge societies -- with a view to develop their capacities to tackle in the long term the pervasive threats that can put at risk their physical and human livelihoods and the enjoyment of the human rights pertaining to UNESCO’s mandate, ensuring thus the enhancement of their opportunities and choices for achieving sustainable development;

**b)** the identification and promotion -- through in-depth research and interaction with a wide array of partners and stakeholders -- of appropriate and enabling national and local policies aimed at countering the compounded and multidimensional impact of the existing major threats which can both aggravate existing and emerging vulnerabilities and, in particular, jeopardize progress already achieved in the attainment of the goals, objectives and standards set out by UNESCO in its fields of competence;

**c)** the mobilization of regional organizations, research institutions, civil society and non-governmental organizations to engage in long term and integrated action targeting the needs of the most vulnerable segments of the population, focusing on the key long-term contribution which education, the sciences, culture and communication and information can make to that end.