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In EDM4, Wolfgang Bayer argued that we need to promote both participatory and endogenous development without trying to differentiate too much between them, as the dominant paradigm in the development world is still top-down, large-scale development. Most responses we received focused on what ED has to offer. We print a selection here.

Endogenous development is not so different from other participatory development approaches, but it is better than other participatory development approaches because the initiative, innate skills and talent are being extracted from and developed through local people's aspirations. This is different from 'planted development' where ideas and methods are set and infused into local people. As long as people are allowed to do what they know best without much training and

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supervision, the height of perfection is certain; and our society would experience a lot of paradigmatic developments if endogenous development were applied. The fact is that our local people have very many untapped initiatives that border on development.

In summary, endogenous development should be the mantra of our local people.

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Endogenous Development (ED) is closely related to Participatory Development Approach(PDA). Every PDA must have direct bearing on the recipients or else it will be rejected; it has to blend with their socio-cultural norms, values and tradition. PDA

should be cheap, environment-friendly, practicable and results-driven. ... PDA is directed primarily at solving local problems by upgrading local knowledge/indigenous practices to achieve acceptable standards.

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ED considers the intricate relationship between physical, social, cultural and other elements, whereas PTD has a more limited focus within a given process, being more results orientated. I do not mean that ED is not looking for results. Within the present context of climate change, social unrest, poverty, antipathy and so on, ED has much to offer as it encompasses the multidimensional sphere of society where people can live in harmony. This is possible not only through co-existence in the social sphere, but also through developing technology that can be accessed by the resource poor. ED can enhance the 'spiritual connection', which can drive material development.

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