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A new economic and development paradigm should be based on five postulates and one fundamental value principle:

Postulate 1. The economy is to serve the people and not the people to serve the economy.

Postulate 2. Development is about people, and life in general, and not about objects.

Postulate 3. Growth is not the same as development, and development does not necessarily require growth.

Postulate 4. No economy is possible in the absence of eco-system services.

Postulate 5. The economy is a sub-system of a larger and finite system: the biosphere. Hence permanent growth is impossible.

Value Principle. No economic interest, under any circumstance, can be above the reverence for life.

The dominant economic neoliberal model is, one after the other, exactly the opposite of the proposed postulates and value principle.

The principles proposed are not a new model. On the contrary, different models can be constructed, according to particular characteristics of countries and cultures, respecting these postulates as a foundation.