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SPECIAL SESSION ON ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN COMPLEX SETTINGS

Context

Advancing development priorities in complex settings is essential for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At the midpoint of this Agenda, only 15% of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets are on track. Ongoing and new multi-dimensional crises around the world are among the critical factors preventing countries from reaching the SDGs. Historic economic decline is reversing development gains. One quarter of humanity – roughly two billion people – currently live in conflict-affected contexts, and over 110 million people have been forcibly displaced as of May 2023. Moreover, the increasingly protracted nature of conflicts, coupled with rising climate-related disasters, is exacerbating the world's faltering progress on development.

PURPOSE

This event will draw examples from Chad and demonstrate that sustainable development in complex settings, and often during humanitarian crises, is essential and possible for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The situation in Chad and neighbouring countries is one of many complex settings where humanitarian actors are equipped to provide rapid emergency response and development actors are needed from the very start to support early recovery and stabilization programming, including by developing complementary area-based approaches and actions geared towards long-term support for displaced and host communities. This means working together from the onset of a crisis, to provide essential services and protection services, under the leadership of national and local authorities, and where possible to align the humanitarian response to national systems, such as health and education, and expand national services into refugee and returnee hosting areas to avoid unsustainable parallel systems of support. In this respect, international financial institutions, such as the World Bank, regional development banks, bilateral development actors and the private sector play an important role. These partnerships can enable the UN to leverage innovative technologies and business practices to tackle complex challenges more efficiently.

This event will profile initiatives intended to deliver sustainable development progress rapidly and at scale in complex settings. The event will bring together voices from displaced communities, Member States, as well as high-level experts in the public and private sector to discuss the mobilization of rapid development support from the start of crises and in complex settings.

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. Mobilise a sense of urgency for the importance of delivering sustainable development in complex settings;
2. Demonstrate the impact that is possible through innovative, comprehensive and inclusive approaches to sustainable development in complex settings;
3. Support a government-led Emergency Development Response in Chad that will deliver sustainable development solutions at pace and scale, fortifying the social contract and complimenting ongoing humanitarian operations in response to the refugee influx from Sudan.
4. Announcement of the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Action Dialogue that will enhance the quantity and quality of PPPs in complex settings.

AGENDA

Welcome	Ms. Pamela Falk, Moderator, CBS Correspondent to the UN
Keynote Remarks 13:30 – 13:35	Mr. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
Proposed Panel Discussion 13:36 – 14:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister of Foreign Affairs, for Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation• H.E. Mr. James Morgan Pitia, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation• Ms. Anna Bjerde, Managing Director of Operations, World Bank• H.E. Ms. Roberta Metsola, President of European Parliament• H.E. Ms. Sarah Ryglewski, Minister of State to the Federal Chancellor, Germany• Ms. Cindy McCain, Executive Director for the World Food Programme
Proposed Interventions 14:10 – 14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Special Coordinator for development in the Sahel• Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa• Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director-General, IOM• Mr. Robert Powell, International Monetary Fund• Mr. Nicola Villa, Executive Vice President for Strategic Growth & Government Engagement, MasterCard (Private Sector Representative)• Mr. Ted Chaiban, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF• Ms. Violet Kenya Kakyomya, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Chad• Mr. Lawrence Sacks, Chief Development Officer, US International Development Finance Cooperation• Mr. Christian Rogg, FCDO Director of Development and Open Societies, United Kingdom• Ms. Edem Wosornu, Director of Operations and Advocacy, OCHA
Conclusion 14:40 – 14:45	Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General