

## **General Debate: “Building Momentum towards the SDG summit”**

*3 mins speech by Deputy Minister Mr. Tuvdendorj Gantumur*

**When:** 15:00-18:00, Tuesday, 18 July 2023

**Where:** UNHQ, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Dear President, Distinguished Delegations, Ladies, and Gentlemen,  
Greetings to all attendees of the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

It is our honor to intervene at this notable annual event.

Mongolia is one of the first countries to commit to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. For the second time, we are going to present our Voluntary National Review in front of the world.

Since 2019, the policy and planning environment, and legal framework has been improved by the Law on Development Policy and Planning and its Management and by establishing an integrated policy and planning institution. As a result, the “Vision-2050” long-term development policy was adopted and is being implemented in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Since our first VNR, Mongolia faced significant challenges in the progress of achieving Sustainable Development Goals due to the Covid-19 pandemic and geopolitical conflicts through foreign trade, investments, international financial flows, as well as the movement of citizens and entrepreneurs. To tackle these challenges, the Government of Mongolia swiftly implemented responsive measures.

One notable initiative is the "New Recovery Policy," aimed to mitigate the negative impact of the pandemic on the economy, address development bottlenecks, and expand the economic foundation to effectively implement the "Vision 2050" long-term development policy. As a result, Mongolia's economy, which contracted by 4.6% in 2020, experienced a growth rate of 4.8% in 2022.

However, Mongolia's rapid response reduced the negative impact of the pandemic, disparities in social development, education, and household living standards among different territories are reasons for being left behind in development.

Regarding this, it is crucial to reduce disparities between rural (regional and local) and urban development by upholding the principle of leaving no one behind and ensuring equal access to basic social services for the entire population.

Also, we noticed the importance of expanding international partnerships and cooperation aimed at reducing the negative impacts of infectious diseases, natural disasters, and climate change, managing risks, adapting to change, and ensuring the availability of resources.

Distinguished Delegations, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will require increased efforts and close cooperation from all of us within the remaining 7 years.

Mongolia calls upon all nations to amplify their efforts in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and forge partnerships for collaborative action. Together, we can build a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

Thank you,