

**High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development –Thematic Review**

***“Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Building resilience”***

**Outline of remarks**

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**Tuesday, 10 July 2018, 9:00-11:00 AM**

**- Resilience and the 5 pillars of the 2030 Agenda:**

- A brief analysis of the contributions by the panellists
- “Building resilience” in the context of the OSCE

**- 5 questions for the Panel**

1. *Who are the furthest behind and are we managing to build the resilience and improve the lives of those people?*

Resilience in the context of conflict cycle

2. *What actions and policies have proven successful in increasing resilience of countries and people and addressing the impacts of climate change, natural disasters, conflict, and displacement on countries in special situations?*

Best practice examples from the OSCE region in the context of selected SDGs (water, energy, DRR and others), which are under HLPF review this year, with particular focus on their implications for security.

3. *How can science, technology and innovation strengthen resilience and inclusion in an integrated manner?*

Benefits of science, technology and innovation for resilience and their implications for security with examples from the OSCE region (cyber security, digitalization)

4. *How can integrated policies address resilience gaps and address underlying social, economic and environmental root causes for low resilience?*

Importance of early warning, assessment and risk-informed policy-making- the case of climate change

5. *How do we move from incremental to transformational change for higher resilience?*

Importance of partnerships and making best use of the convening power of “resilience”

**- 5 Recommendations:**

1. Strengthen partnerships, particularly in the framework of multilateral co-operation frameworks; and encourage “*whole of government*” and “*whole of society*” approaches
2. Invest in prevention and early warning as more efficient and cost effective approaches
3. Make best use of co-operation and diplomacy in implementing the global development agenda
4. Enhance cross-border and regional co-operation in building resilience
5. Utilize the full potential offered by women and youth as agents of change