Where are we headed? Visions and projections for the future of the SDGs

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- **What transformational changes are crucial for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs?**
- **How can future trends and scenarios influence the course of SDG implementation?**
- **What do current scenarios tell us about our policy choices and how to accelerate SDG progress?**

HE will share the experience of the UAE, and focus on the following key messages:

- At the heart of sustainable development, stability, and prosperity is **good governance**.

- While SDG16 is commonly referred to as **governance goal**, we now know it is a **cross cutting goal, and it is specifically important to note that the** role of government is important for the implementation of **all SDGs.**

- Governments are facing many challenges, including declining trust while at the same time expectations towards government are rising. All this is coupled by the **societal and economic disruption that technology is causing**. But this **disruption can be an opportunity**, if the challenges are managed well!

- To do so, we must **strengthen government.** A strong government that is able to address and deliver on the needs of citizens is the critical building block to successfully implementing Agenda 2030 and to prevent conflict, promote peace, prosperity and wellbeing.

- A strong government means an **agile and tech-enabled government**. The government of the future is not a business-as-usual government. Is it a **government that embraces change and modernization**.

- The key transformational change that is needed to deliver on the SDGs is for governments to embrace future trends and adopt to fast-paced technological changes. We call this 'Future-proofing government' and it is a cornerstone of our strategic planning.

- We in the UAE like to use the term "Future Ready" – we cannot anticipate the future, but we can be ready for it. This has 4 pillars: Agility, Tech-Enabled, Government as a Platform, and a strong Center of Government

- Second message is the critical role of partnerships. No one can deliver the SDG's in isolation. Partnerships are essential in achieving the SDG's or SDG16 in particular, whether they're G2G, PPP, or International Organizations and Governments.