



**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**  
**at the**  
**HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
**Launching the Decade of Action at a Time of Crisis:**  
**Keeping the Focus on the SDGs While Combatting Covid-19**  
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**Chair,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me to share Indonesia's view on the launch of the Decade of Action:

Despite progress, we are still lagging behind in achieving the SDGs. The pandemic is expected to reverse some hard-won developmental gains.

The Decade of Action is a momentum to come back better and prevent this crisis from derailing the SDGs.

First, it is imperative to take concerted and continuous efforts to control and contain the coronavirus.

We must ensure, among others, support frontline workers, provision of healthcare, and accurate and reliable information.

We must also work closely on the development and provision of vaccine, diagnostics and treatment that are affordable, safe, and universally available for all.

Second, provide social protection to cushion for the poorest and most vulnerable as well as rebooting the economy in a prudent manner.

The Government of Indonesia has allocated around USD 48.5 billion to address COVID-19, which include social protection and support for the economy, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).

Third, it is important that build back better through enhanced solidarity and international cooperation towards our global goals.

Cooperation should be directed towards developing local capacity and resilience, such as develop health capacity, enhance access to sustainable technologies, financing and investment in SDGs, and reduce the digital divide.

Question for discussion: How can we accelerate international cooperation to enhance local capacity and resilience, including for MICs?

We look forward to working closely together to fulfil the Decade of Action to accelerate SDGs implementation.

Thank you.