

## National Statement of Finland

### High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Mobilizing and sharing science, technology and  
innovation for an SDG driven recovery

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Thank you Chair,

It is evident that science, technology and innovation are critical means for reaching the SDG's. The Finnish Government's roadmap for research, development and innovation stresses the role of research and innovation in creating solutions to global challenges. Consequently, we see it important to strive for more coherence between research, innovation and development policies. The Covid-19 pandemic has underlined the need to foster international collaboration, stimulate multistakeholder partnerships and strengthen how science, society and policy interact. These priorities are also crucial for strengthening our pandemic recovery efforts.

We need to work collectively to pool scientific knowledge produced by various countries and disciplines, and to share the benefits of technological progress. This is where the UN alongside the scientific community can play a key role. Our national and regional funding instruments should increasingly support global and multidisciplinary research and innovation. Further development of open science is important to bridge science, innovation and technology gaps. Through Finland's Strategy for Africa, we are intensifying cooperation between African and Finnish partners in research and innovation.

Moving towards a carbon-neutral world requires that public and private sectors come together to support climate innovation and tackle barriers that still exist in terms of access to finance, expertise, technology and partnerships. More than before, we need to focus on identifying and scaling solutions that work, and do this across borders.

We believe the UN can step up by investing more in technology and innovation to improve its own operations and to build evidence-based and systemic solutions to pressing global development challenges. This objective is in the heart of Our Common Agenda and is supported by Finland.

Finally, Finland wants to stress the need to foster women's participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields and in the technology sector. To support this objective, Finland co-leads the Generation Equality Action Coalition on Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality – a multi-stakeholder campaign, which aims to make technology and innovation work for us all.

I thank you.