



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

KENYA'S STATEMENT

DURING

THE MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON ACCELERATING
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGS BY 2030: ADDRESING ONGOING
CRISES AND OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

AT THE

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT OF HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

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**The President of the ECOSOC,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen**

1. Let me start by appreciating you Mr. President for your excellent leadership towards this successful forum. Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015, the remarkable progress has been made towards achieving the goals.
2. The outbreak of COVID -19 pandemic has exposed the social and economic vulnerabilities of all nations globally in the past three years. We have witnessed a gradual rise in poverty levels, unemployment, hunger, malnutrition, and inequalities. A testimony that progress towards achievement of sustainable development goals has either been reversed or in some instances stagnated.
3. With the distribution of COVID 19 vaccines, most economies had started to rebound as reflected in the 2021 global economic performance Kenya for instance recorded a 7.5% growth in GDP in 2021. The emergence of new COVID 19 variants and infections, uneven distribution of vaccines, rising inflation, supply chain disruption, unsustainable debt in developing countries, and climate crisis however remain a threat to sustainable recovery across the globe.



4. As policy makers we gather here to share variable experiences and propose strategies that will accelerate achievement of SDGs while addressing the ongoing crises. The Economic stimulus strategies should be seen to address the high cost of living, unemployment, inequalities and debt burden while taking into consideration the health of the people, animals and planet.
5. To mitigate the adverse impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic, the Government of Kenya has so far rolled out three (3) Economic Stimulus Programmes (ESP). The programs, which were guided by findings of Socio-economic Impact Household Survey of COVID-19, are designed to cushion citizens and businesses from the effects of the pandemic, protect livelihoods and stimulate the economy.
6. Accelerating implementation of 2030 Agenda on sustainable development requires an assessment of the key bottlenecks as well as identification of solutions and with corresponding actions. As a country we have developed a SDGs Recovery and Acceleration Strategy (2022 - 2030) on specific decade for action targets. The SDGs have been mainstreamed at both the national and sub national levels through the Medium-Term Plans and County Integrated Development Plans respectively. We have set up appropriate institutions to support SDGs implementation including an Inter-Agency Technical Working Committee comprising National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Parliament, Council of Governors, Academia, UN Agencies, Private Sector and Civil Society.



7. Mobilizing the necessary financial resources is key for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda, developing countries are obliged to enhance domestic resource mobilization. In this regard, our government has strengthened public financial systems through various tax reforms as well as developed an Integrated National Financing Framework. The framework is expected to integrate traditional public sector budgeting with resources mobilized by other actors, including the private sector, NGOs and other development partners.
8. We call upon the developed countries to honor their commitments on climate financing and ODA to the developing countries. We also implore on the international community to ensure there is equal access to COVID 19 vaccine, technical and financial support. We acknowledge the need for Middle Income Countries (MICs) to be considered for concessional financing proportionate to their vulnerabilities and transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms.
9. To address the inequality gaps within Countries, Governments must invest in quality and timely data to ensure that no segment of population is left behind in planning, implementation and monitoring.
10. In conclusion, achieving the SDGs in the remaining period requires decisive actions, increased coordinated and focused financial investment, collaborative effort of all stakeholders and monitoring of progress. The Government will continue engaging all the stakeholders in the SDGs process which is important for their success.



11. Finally, Mr. President, I would like to state that Kenya remains committed to sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID -19 pandemic in the context of the Decade of Action and delivery for sustainable development.

I Thank You.

