

**Statement by H.E. Kairat Umarov (Kazakhstan), Vice-President of  
the Economic and Social Council, to the 2024 High-level political  
forum on sustainable development**

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a privilege to address you today at the 2024 High-level political forum on sustainable development, to share key messages from our deliberations at the Coordination Segment of the Economic and Social Council, which met under the critical theme of the "*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions.*"

The 2024 Coordination Segment, held earlier this year, highlighted the urgency and complexity of our tasks ahead, and underscored the following key messages:

1. **Coordination and collaboration** are paramount to break down silos, leverage interlinkages, create multiplier effects and accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. We must integrate the **work of the Council's subsidiary bodies** and strengthen the Council's capacity to provide transformational policy guidance for the coordinated and coherent implementation of sustainable solutions.
2. We face an unprecedented convergence of crises that have exacerbated **poverty, inequalities, and food insecurity**. Prioritizing actions to reduce poverty is urgently needed. Furthermore, the inadequacies of current



food systems demand crucial reforms. Despite sufficient global food production, millions still lack access to safe and nutritious food, in particular children. There is need to transform food systems to be resilient against climate change, economic downturns, and other crises. A rights-based approach, integrating gender equality and children's rights, is critical to combating poverty and hunger.

3. Implementing commitments and agreements in a coordinated manner is crucial to reversing the alarming trends of **biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution**. Nature-based solutions, gender-responsive climate action and meaningful youth inclusion are critical to achieving our climate goals and the broader objectives of the 2030 Agenda. We must harness the necessary financing, including for loss and damage, while leveraging technology and capacity-building to enhance resilience.
4. **Data, science, technology and innovation** are fundamental to advance evidence-based decision making for the SDGs. We must overcome barriers to access and adoption of cutting edge technologies in developing countries and ensure that digital and green technologies are accessible and beneficial to all. Addressing the digital divide is crucial to fostering inclusivity and ensuring no one is left behind. Governance mechanisms for Artificial Intelligence (AI), which embed ethical and human rights considerations, can help build safe digital spaces, free of discrimination, misinformation, disinformation and hate speech. They are key to ensuring that everyone can harness the advantages of the digital era responsibly. Technology should serve as a bridge rather than a barrier to sustained progress towards peace and prosperity for our people and planet.



5. **Effective institutions** are key to fostering partnerships, promoting rights-based approaches, ensuring adequate and sustained financing, and enabling sustainable development. We need agile, adaptable and innovative institutions employing data-driven policies and promoting collaboration with diverse stakeholders. Building capacity and adopting a systems-approach will help address complex crises and systemic inequalities.
  
6. A **reformed international financial architecture** will be a crucial milestone for us to achieve. We need an international financial and economic system which is responsive to the needs of developing countries and can respond to current trends and new and emerging risks.

Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

The 2024 Coordination Segment provided us with a comprehensive roadmap for bolstering international cooperation, reinforcing coordination, embracing interlinkages and fostering innovation to create enabling conditions for countries to perform at their best and their peoples' aspirations to be achieved.

It is now our collective responsibility to translate these recommendations into action.

Thank you.

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