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Thank you Mr. Vice-President for that kind introduction and for your insightful remarks.

Honourable Ministers,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me start by expressing the appreciation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to the DCF for inviting me to moderate this important session.

Our discussion today builds on the on-going discussions in many fora on the post-2015 development agenda. As deliberations to shape this important agenda accelerate, it is vital that we consider how the international community will monitor the progress in the implementation within the prevailing spirit of transparency and accountability.

Throughout the preparatory process for the 2014 DCF, including in the DCF symposiums in Addis Ababa, Montevideo and Berlin, stakeholders strongly emphasized the importance of monitoring and accountability for building trust and enhancing the effectiveness of development cooperation. They also emphasized the importance of mutual accountability and shared responsibility, while recognizing common but differentiated responsibilities and capabilities.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Realizing the promise that is being shaped in the post-2015 development agenda to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development requires the full participation of all development actors. In this regard, strong, ambitious and accountable partnerships are indispensable tools in the pursuit of development objectives. The growing contribution of the private sector, civil society, grass roots organizations, philanthropic organizations, diaspora and academia in the global partnership for development should be taken into consideration in any effort towards an effective accountability and monitoring framework for development cooperation.

In an increasingly changing international development cooperation landscape, all partners must also accelerate the implementation of their commitments and the envisaged accountability and monitoring framework should not be limited to the fulfilment of financial commitments. It has to play a catalytic role in promoting knowledge sharing, transfer of technology, capacity building and more equitable global economic governance. The monitoring of all of these elements must be based on accurate and timely data.

All that highlights the need for a coherent and unified development cooperation that encompasses all the different processes related to sustainable development financing and means of implementation. These processes include climate change financing and the UN Environment Assembly, the financing for development process and the outcome of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing.

In addition, the on-going discussion within the United Nations General Assembly on a technology facilitation mechanism is another track that is of paramount importance in the big picture of development cooperation with all its dimensions pertaining to finance, capacity building and knowledge sharing that traverse the three pillars of sustainable development.

Excellencies,

While the task of establishing a robust monitoring and accountability framework is complex, we are fortunate to have many existing tools and mechanisms at our disposal. The framework should draw upon existing mutual accountability efforts at all levels.

The General Assembly was very clear in supporting that approach through its resolution 66/293 which established the United Nations monitoring mechanism to review the implementation of all commitments made towards Africa's development needs, both by African countries and their development partners. The first review report will focus on four themes; namely Environment and Climate Change; Financing for Development; Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition; and Good Governance, with the MDGs as a cross-cutting issue.

This mechanism, for which my Office will serve as Secretariat in coordination with the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs, is but one example of existing mechanisms that could provide important inputs to the global framework and will assist the DCF and the High-level Political Forum in enhancing the UN capabilities in monitoring and evaluation.

In addition, the envisaged global monitoring and accountability framework should take into account efforts at the local, national and regional levels. That is why Agenda 2063, the African Union's forthcoming 50-year transformative agenda, is expected to feature a robust institutional and accountability framework that operates at the continental, regional and national levels.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are fortunate, today, to have a distinguished panel of speakers with wide-ranging insights on global monitoring and accountability. Their presentations, along with your contributions during the interactive discussion, will bring new insights to the on-going debate on the principles, purposes, and features of an effective monitoring and accountability framework.

I hope that our discussion, with your active participation, will contribute concrete and innovative ideas for an integrated and inclusive global framework befitting an ambitious post-2015 development agenda.