

**Statement by**  
**Mr. Tleuzhan Seksenbay, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the**  
**Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations at the ECOSOC dialogue**  
**"The longer-term positioning of the United Nations development**  
**system"**  
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1. Middle-income countries, such as Kazakhstan, can play a more transformative role to implement the SDGs. Taking into consideration the collective thinking of UN conferences and global processes, as well as implementing UN Conventions and Treaty bodies, Kazakhstan has developed a national plan, titled Kazakhstan Strategy 2050. The road map for this strategy is Nyrly Zhol, which highlight specific targets and mechanisms for a people centered development. There are national provisions for quality health care, education, employment opportunities, social security and social services with a focus on the most vulnerable in the population.

2. In implementing them, Kazakhstan is making a direct contribution to the long term positioning of UN development system, nationally and thereby helping its consolidation in the region too. Kazakhstan is also rapidly expanding its communications, transit routes and border which provides an impetus for the growth and transformation of regional economies and societies, including landlocked countries and LDC. These have resulted in more sustainable production and consumption patterns. The regional dialogues and frameworks in which Kazakhstan is active and contributing to, provide further impetus.

Kazakhstan has supported the establishment of an enabling environment through promoting favorable terms of trade, targeted ODA. Also Kazakhstan as part of the Troika for the Asian and Pacific region has been deeply engaged in its support for the SDG agenda through embracing innovative technologies and practices. It has also launched some forward looking initiative like the Green Bridge Partnership that reinforce UN focus on issues of climate change, sustainable energy and indirectly human security. These serve as models for other countries by showcasing national innovations in keeping with Secretary-General's synthesis report on the post-2015 sustainable development agenda in the areas of poverty eradication, fighting inequalities, creating conducive environments for all societies for now and future generations.

2. Kazakhstan has already embraced the above by:

- Our country is now proposing to host the United Nations Regional Hub in Almaty with a focus on sustainable development, humanitarian assistance and

building resilience. We believe that strengthening the field activities of the UN in the region will allow to promptly react in a more efficient way to the existing and emerging challenges.

- Supporting or establishing regional initiatives in areas of strategic importance: eg., Regional Hub for Civil Service in Astana aims to address the regional issue of common concern: innovative and high quality public institutions, promoting the concept of “government for the people”, good governance, the rule of law and stable societies in the region. It will specially highlight not just development but also building resilience and disaster risk reduction.

- Launching the KAZAID, which is my country’s ODA, we aim to provide targeted support to the Central Asia region, Afghanistan and beyond. The key areas of support are still being identified but may include regional food security, regional eco-systems, connectivity and transport.

The UN Country Team is developing a new Partnership Framework for 2016-2020, and moving away from UN Development Assistance Framework. There is a greater emphasis on upstream policy and advisory support in areas of reaching development goals on the fundamental values and principles of the UN system (human rights and justice, inclusive and responsive institutions).

Thank you.