At the outset, let me thank Madame DSG Mohammed for her comprehensive presentation. I also thank the panelists for their insightful remarks.

A reinvigorated regional architecture is a crucial component of our overall efforts to increase cooperation and coordination, not only at the regional level, but also between national and regional levels.

Turkey commends the efforts of the UN development system since the adoption of the ECOSOC and General Assembly resolutions, 2020/23 and 74/297, respectively, where Member States requested the Secretary-General to continue to conduct, in the course of the implementation process, transparent and inclusive consultations with all countries concerned at all levels.

We are of the view that the RCPs (Regional Collaboration Platforms) should reinforce development system’s support to programme countries in line with the UN Sustainable Development Collaboration Frameworks (UNSDCFs), and we are glad to see that we are moving in the right direction.

In the upcoming process, we believe that we need to focus our efforts on issues where further consideration is needed, both from Member States and the United Nations development system.

In this regard, let me ask two brief questions to the distinguished panel:
First: How do you think we should address cross-regional issues? At what point and on which basis RCPs in different regions should cooperate? Some of the challenges we are facing, like air pollution, obviously require cross-regional collaboration.

Second: How are we going to integrate the work of the RCPs and IBCs (Issue Based Coalitions) into the national level, more importantly, in the preparations of the UNSDCF? Here, we are of the view that we need to ensure that RCPs do not overrule the UNSDCFs.

We believe that the consolidated regional architecture could improve our system-wide efforts, on issues where we are ready to work together.

Let me once again reaffirm Turkey’s readiness to actively engage in and contribute to the upcoming discussions.

Thank you.