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President of the Economic and Social Council**

**Closing of the 2016 High-level Segment of
the Economic and Social Council**

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Honourable Ministers,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We now conclude the 2016 ECOSOC High-level Segment.

I am confident that our deliberations in this session will inspire confidence in governments and all development actors to accelerate efforts towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.

The consideration of the 2016 ECOSOC main theme, “Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results”, has made a positive contribution to the implementation of the SDGs.

Throughout its 2016 session, the entire ECOSOC system worked to provide integrated policy recommendations, address gaps, and contribute to the overall review of initial progress in implementation. This High-level Segment represents the culmination of that work.

The segment also included the ministerial meeting of the HLPF. All of the discussions highlighted that the 2030 Agenda demands new ways of thinking and working, by all development stakeholders.



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We were urged to look closely at the inter-linkages between sectors and across policy domains.

We were called upon to break down the silos that have prevented us from working together in an integrated manner.

We have become more aware that involving people in policy decision-making leads to better outcomes, with stronger support in implementation, monitoring and review of progress.

Ladies and gentlemen,

At the global level, the architecture for follow-up and review of implementation, with the HLPF as the central platform, is now established.

This year's theme of “Leaving no one behind” was addressed through a variety of lenses, including the rich panoply of twenty-two national experiences in this first year of SDG implementation.

We have just adopted a Ministerial Declaration to guide our actions going forward. I am satisfied that the synergy coming from the relationship of the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC, and the work of the Council as a whole, serve to advance sustainable development for all, creating new norms and policy recommendations.

All these efforts engage the entire *ECOSOC system* – the functional and regional commissions, committees, and expert bodies that contribute their particular inputs to support follow-up.

Indeed, ECOSOC provides a space for governments and stakeholders to come together, through:



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- Substantive policy guidance for integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development;
- Conducting reviews of progress and trends in sustainable development and international development cooperation;
- Forging links between the normative and operational work of the UN development system;
- Exploring ways for UN system operational activities to respond more efficiently and effectively to changes in the development landscape;
- Promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships;
- Enabling a voice for youth in the international dialogue on development; and
- Enhancing the response to emerging challenges and humanitarian emergencies.

Distinguished delegates,

Over the last two years the Development Cooperation Forum has produced a wealth of inputs on the importance and tremendous potential of development cooperation, as a lever for effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

We now look ahead to the role the DCF will continue to play in the global architecture to support SDG implementation and review of progress.

The DCF has contributed much to the discussions this week, and will continue to provide critical inputs to the HLPF and FFD Forum. It provides a unique space, allowing fresh perspectives and discussion of new development cooperation paradigms.



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Excellencies,

Once again, I thank all of you for your invaluable work this week. I would also like to convey my special gratitude to the members of the Bureau for their outstanding work.

Let me also thank all stakeholders for their engagement and contributions to the High-level Segment.

Last but not least, I thank the Departments of Economic and Social Affairs, General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management, Safety and Security, Public Information, and all other Secretariat Departments involved, for their dedication and support.

Thank you.



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