

Inaugural Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up
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Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

2015 was a watershed year for development, and expectations are high to follow through on a transformational global agenda. It is crucial that we live up to this level of ambition and stimulate action over the next fourteen years.

We are off to a good start. As a member of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), the OECD is pleased to be here today to launch the Inaugural Financing for Development Follow-up Report. We congratulate our fellow Task Force members for their excellent collaboration over these past months to produce a methodological report featuring an impressive breadth of technical and analytical expertise. For the Report, we built on stocktaking on OECD work to measure, monitor and mobilise all available resources - aid and beyond, domestic resource mobilisation, private investment (FDI), philanthropy and remittances. However, to ensure that the world is on track to deliver the necessary financing for the ambitious 2030 Agenda, it is crucial to fully understand how resources can be more effectively combined capitalising on synergies.

The OECD stands ready to strengthen its collaboration with the major institutional stakeholders as well as all other members of the Task Force to more effectively deliver financing for sustainable development. OECD data, indicators, policy frameworks, initiatives, and measurement frameworks are on offer to reinforce the follow-up and implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda which serves as the first step to realise the aspirations reflected in the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. President, sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance. We must now work swiftly to move from measurement to implementation. The OECD looks forward to work together with the UN system to provide “Better Policies for Better Lives” for people, planet and prosperity.