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“By 2030 we can end poverty and transform lives while protecting the planet,” says advance version of Secretary-General’s synthesis report on post-2015 development agenda

Negotiations on universal, transformative agenda for the next 15 years continue in lead-up to Special Summit on Sustainable Development next year

New York, 4 December 2014 –United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented to UN Member States today an advance version of his synthesis report for the post-2015 development agenda, entitled [*The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet.*](#)

In his introductory remarks, the Secretary-General said, “Next year, 2015, will herald an unprecedented opportunity to take far-reaching, long-overdue global action to secure our future well-being.”

World leaders have called for an ambitious long-term sustainability agenda to succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the end of 2015. The post-2015 development agenda is expected to address the unfinished business of the MDGs, beginning with the eradication of extreme poverty. Building on the successes of the MDGs, it will also need to address pressing global sustainable development challenges like climate change and environmental degradation and promote sustained and inclusive economic growth in poor countries if poverty eradication is truly to be irreversible.

Requested by UN Member States to pull together inputs from all strands on the post-2015 development agenda, the synthesis report channels the results of an unprecedented open and transparent global conversation and intergovernmental process that considered a broad range of recommendations, key reports, peoples’ voices and viewpoints from a wide swath of sectors and stakeholders.

“Never before have so broad and inclusive consultations been undertaken on development,” Mr. Ban said. “In two short years, Member States, the UN system, experts, a cross-section of civil society, business and millions of people from all corners of the globe have come together with creativity and a shared sense of purpose. My synthesis report takes stock of this process, which produced a rich and inspiring set of inputs.”

The report presents a vision for UN Member States to consider carrying forward in negotiations leading up to the United Nations Special Summit on Sustainable Development, which will adopt the post-2015 development agenda. Next September, world leaders are expected to agree on an historic and far-reaching agenda for the next 15 years that will include a set of sustainable development goals.





“Let us recall that the Rio+20 outcome declared that the *SDGs should be action-oriented, concise and easy to communicate, limited in number, aspirational, global in nature and universally applicable to all countries while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities,*” Mr. Ban said.

The report identifies six essential elements to frame and reinforce the sustainable development agenda, focused around: ending poverty and tackling inequalities, improving people’s lives and wellbeing, ensuring inclusive economic transformation , promoting just, safe and peaceful societies, protecting the planet for current and future generations, and building bold and lasting partnerships for a sustainable future.

Noting a shared responsibility to deliver the agenda, the report encourages countries to scale up ambition and make concrete commitments to meet the demands of the new agenda. The report says all must benefit from the potential of technology and innovation and that we must invest in capacities for sustainable development. Embracing the data revolution will be key to see what is working and what needs greater support at the country level. In addition, the UN itself will have to change to support countries deliver on a transformative agenda.

The final report will be available in all six UN languages by 31 December 2014. In early January 2015, the Secretary-General will formally present the report and further discuss it with Member States. The UN is working with Member States and many stakeholders to carry the call forward for reaching an agreement on this agenda at the Special Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2015.

“I call on you to continue to lead this process with a vision, passion and ambition. For my part, I am committed to supporting your work and ensuring the best outcome from the post-2015 process, for people, for our planet and for our common future.” Mr. Ban concluded.

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