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**NIGERIA'S EXPERIENCE IN ADVANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE SDGS AND AGENDA 2063**

BY

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Protocol:

Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates...Please permit me to rest on the well-established protocol for this event...

It is an honour to be here today to share Nigeria's experiences in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Africa's Union Agenda 2063. As the most populous country in Africa, Nigeria recognizes the critical importance of these frameworks in driving inclusive and sustainable growth and development.

2. Indeed, Nigeria has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the SDGs and Agenda 2063 through a multi-faceted approach that integrates national policies, local governance, and community engagement. Our alignment with these global frameworks is reflected in our national development plans, particularly the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) and the National Development Plan (NDP) 2021-2025, which

prioritize economic growth, inclusive, broad-based and sustainable national development.

3. On **Multi-Stakeholder Engagement**, Nigeria has established a robust framework for stakeholder engagement, involving government, civil society, private sector, and local communities in the planning and implementation processes. This inclusive approach ensures that diverse perspectives are considered, leading to more effective and equitable outcomes. Effective collaborations with international organizations, NGOs, and the private sector have been instrumental in mobilizing resources and expertise. Notable partnerships include collaborations with the United Nations Development System; Private Sector Advisory Group on SDGs (PSAG) and various philanthropic organizations.

4. On Data-Driven Decision Making, we have realigned our National Statistical System with the requirements of the SDGs and are investing substantially in strengthening it. This will ensure that decision-making is informed by credible, timely and disaggregated data. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) plays a crucial role in this and the development of an SDG dashboard allows for real-time tracking of progress across various indicators, enabling stakeholders to identify gaps and opportunities for intervention.

5. On Localizing the SDGs, Nigeria has decentralized the implementation of the SDGs by empowering state and local governments through support to the sub-national level to develop SDG-based Development Plans. This enables subnational to adapt context specific goals guided by the SDGs.

6. **On Innovative Financing Mechanisms,** Nigeria has successfully designed its Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) for sustainable development. Implementation is ongoing and innovative financing mechanisms such as the Nigeria Infrastructure Fund, strengthening of domestic resource mobilisation through tax reforms are being vigorously pursued.

7. **On Challenges and Lessons Learned,** While Nigeria has made significant strides, challenges remain, including resource constraints, data gaps and the need for stronger institutional capacities at all level of governance. Key lessons learned include the importance of sustained political commitment, the need for adaptive strategies that respond to changing circumstances, and the value of fostering a culture of collaboration among all stakeholders.

8. In conclusion, Nigeria's experience in advancing the SDGs and Agenda 2063 highlights the power of collaboration, innovation and of course, local engagement. As we move forward, we remain committed to sharing our lessons and best practices with other African nations, fostering a collective journey towards sustainable development. Together, we can build a resilient and prosperous Africa for all.

I thank you for your kind attention!