



**Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations**

**Virtual Side Event**

**“Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions to achieve Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Ecosystem Health through Strategic Partnerships**

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Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to UN DESA, Itaipu Binacional and the “Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network” for organizing this event, which we at the Permanent Mission of Brazil were happy to support. I would also like to thank the distinguished panelists for the thoughtful presentations.

It was a great pleasure to be here with you today at this side-event on “Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions to Achieve Quality Education, Gender Equality and Ecosystem Health through Strategic Partnerships”.

I believe that one key element of the 2030 Agenda is the emphasis on the interlinkages of the Sustainable Development Goals, as a corollary of our joint commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions - economic, social and environmental - in a balanced and integrated manner. Though this is a well-known established fact, promoting sustainable development in an integrated manner while enhancing synergies and interlinkages is something easier said than done.

That is why I believe that this side-event was particularly relevant, as it summarizes some of the key principles enshrined in the 2030 Agenda, which is our multilaterally agreed on roadmap for the achievement of sustainable development.

**The event was focused on linking and exploring synergies between solutions to SDGs 6 (on water) and 7 (on energy), which are key components for the full implementation and achievement of the 2030 Agenda, as well as their interlinkages with the SDGs under review in this year`s HLPF, such as SDG 4 (on quality education), SDG 5 (on gender equality) and SDGs 14 and 15 (on marine and terrestrial ecosystems).**

**The crosscutting nature of SDGs 6 and 7 represents a major opportunity for us to explore potential synergies in our efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda. However, it also represents a challenge, as this also means that failing to achieve water and energy-related goals and targets may significantly hamper our ability to meet other SDGs - including, but not limited to, SDGs 4, 5, 14 and 15.**

**In this sense, promoting partnerships and collaboration, both within the context of each SDG, as well as in the overall context of SDG 17, is particularly relevant, so as to ensure that we manage to make full use of these opportunities of exploring synergies.**

**That is all the more relevant when we recall the theme of this year`s HLPF: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".**

**In fact, support for developing countries through partnerships for the provision and mobilization of means of implementation became even more important in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted developing countries.**

**I have no doubt that strengthened partnerships and international cooperation are important stepping stones for the international community to overcome the severe economic and social impacts of the pandemic and to put our sustainable development agenda back on track.**

**And I am confident that this side-event was successful in highlighting some of the many interlinkages between the SDGs, as well as the key role of cooperation and partnerships not only for the achievement of the SDGs as a whole, but also for promoting and unlocking the many synergies between them.**

**I thank you.**