

***Talking points, Mr. Kare Chawicha, State Minister, Environment and Climate Change Sector, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ethiopia, for the “High Level South-South Cooperation”,***  
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**[Welcome]**

- On behalf of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, I would like to express my appreciation to the host of this high-level forum, a forum that has clear intentions to recognize the remarkable benefits of building cooperation among countries like ours.

**[South-South Cooperation]**

- South-South cooperation is not a substitute but rather a complement to North-South Cooperation and any other cooperation you may refer to.
- As our world continues to face challenges regarding creating economic opportunities for growing populations and addressing pressure on the environment that is aggravated by climate change, the south-south cooperation idea serves as an alternate avenue to promote economic growth and development.
- Nowadays, as we all know, a number of success stories exist. Despite the difficult circumstances, some developing countries are strengthening partnerships with one another to build resilience. South-South Cooperation is a very important platform which brings

about innovations and knowledge sharing to tackle development challenges. It encompasses in-kind, financial, and capacity building initiatives to address the common challenges that developing countries are facing.

- In the global south, although we are facing several common challenges, we also have to reflect on the positive opportunities that arise from those challenges. Such as working together, sharing experiences and exchanging views on how to address the contemporary emerging issues through research and development.

### **[National Effort]**

- In Ethiopia, we have been working in partnership with governments in the global South and various development agencies, as well as organizations.
- As the current chair to the Least Developed Countries group and the Climate Vulnerable Forum, we have established a south-south centre of excellence in technical capacity building for member countries in area of Environmental and and climate Diplomacy. This shows that our ambition for solidarity to build resilience to the shocks of climate change is practical and real.
- We also need to strengthen our institutions and networks to accelerate economic, social, cultural, environmental and technical development from those partnerships. We believe this kind of

partnerships has brought tremendous contribution for Ethiopia to achieve economic growth and stimulate its development at macro level.

- Our policy aims to improve the lives of our people, especially the youth; many youths are already part of the solution to solve our challenges. If we empower our youth, with skills and practical knowledge, we can enable them to become creative and entrepreneurial, we will then be able to address many of the development dreams we have set.

### **[Conclusion]**

- Finally, I would like once again to reiterate that Climate change impacts are already striking all corners of the world, and are anticipated to grow substantially over the next decades. It is very urgent that we all collaborate to meet the 1.5-degree target. I believe the south-south cooperation can play indispensable role during the way ahead and let's work and act together for the same.

Thank you for your attention.