



Opening Intervention

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Good morning,

Mr. Yoon Jong-soo, Head of UN Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD),

Mr. Sungsoo Jun, Vice Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City,

Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager of Asia-Europe Foundation,

Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Chief, Small Island Developing States, Oceans and Climate Branch, Division for Sustainable Development (DSD), UNDESA,

Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to be here today at the 2016 Sustainable Development Transition Forum, organised by UNOSD. First of all, on behalf of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), I'd like to welcome all of you and also congratulate UNOSD, for its successful organisation and timely hosting of this Forum.

As you know, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the most ambitious roadmap for development in human history, was adopted in

September last year at the Summit Meeting in the United Nations General Assembly. Since its adoption, one year has already passed. I think it is high time when we think about how to better achieve SDGs. Therefore, this Forum is very timely and meaningful, and I am very sure that this would be an effective venue to share good practices, challenges, lessons learned, and in turn explore better ways in pursuit of SDGs.

UNOSD and UNPOG, I think, are sister offices under the same department of economic and social affairs of UN. However, work scopes of two offices are different. It is because UNOSD belongs to Division for Sustainable Development (DSD), and UNPOG belongs to Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM). In particular, I'd like to highlight activities of DPADM. DPADM focuses on achieving Goal 16, by enhancing governance capacity of the Member States through fostering effective, inclusive, and accountable institutions at all levels. In addition, taking into account the core value of the 2030 Agenda is no one is left behind, DPADM is targeting the countries with special needs, such as Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Land Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and Post-Conflict Countries (PCCs).

During this year, DPADM has been actively engaged in capacity building of Member States with regard to policy and institutional coordination and integration, citizen engagement to hold governments accountable, and ethical leadership in the public sector. It has already worked out a series of related events and next February, it plans to organise the capacity development Symposium for SIDS in Bahamas as it did in Bolivia this year.

Consistent with overall mandate of DPADM, UNPOG has been also engaged in several capacity building activities this year. In particular, next year UNPOG

has a plan to organise the Regional Symposium in Asia and the Pacific, like the Symposium in Bahamas, in order to discuss and share appropriate institutional mechanisms, partnerships and review process for implementation of SDGs. Also, we plan to conduct research of capacity needs assessment of Member States, and based on the findings, develop training modules, both online and offline, for providing country-customised trainings for target countries.

Taking this opportunity, I'd like to briefly introduce UNPOG. It was established 10 years ago. It successfully completed 10-year mandate last June and was renewed with another 15 years by 2030, consistent with SDGs. Similar to DPADM, UNPOG focuses on building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions which Goal 16 underscores and furthermore establishing advanced global partnerships with various stakeholders which Goal 17 highlights. Its geographical coverage was expanded from Asia and the Pacific, now to Eastern Africa as well. I am sure that close collaboration with UNOSD will create great synergies for both offices in implementing SDGs. I expect it in the future. In this regard, I am pleased that my colleague Mr. Keping Yao will make a presentation tomorrow on the roles of public institutions in implementing SDGs.

Once again, I'd like to congratulate UNOSD for its successful organisation of the Forum and I wish the meeting will end with a big success.

Thank you.