

Madam President,
Distinguished colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow, at the very outset, to thank you Madam President, Members of the ECOSOC, and UN secretariat for convening this 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

I have listened attentively to your remarks madame President and to remarks made by those who have spoken before me including the statement of the Deputy Secretary-General Miss. Amina Mohamed.

In this regard, allow to associate myself with everything which had been said with regard expectations, priorities, work ahead for the ECOSOC, new ideas and unlocking financing for SDG implementation.

It sounds great, however, I cannot but mention the fact that we have heard this talk before, again and again. I, therefore, believe it is important for us, in this forum, when addressing partnership to make sure that we walk the talk. Many small, vulnerable, developing, and least developing countries deserve this from us.

We have all noticed, when COVID 19 hit, small, vulnerable, and least developing countries were almost left alone. In fact, much of the talk about partnership and cooperation was not translated into actual and concrete actions. Let's learn from our experiences and avoid pitfalls of the past.

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In this regard, and in brief, allow me to state the following remarks:

- Let us study things thoroughly before we make any conclusions and recommendations.
- Let us have an inclusive discussion where we listen to all including the small, weak, and vulnerable member states. Their story and concerns are worth listening to.
- We support including other stakeholders, including Civil Society, NGOs, Industry and Academia, their role is indispensable. However, it is important to ask (first and foremost) member states.
- No exercise about development and partnership, in my opinion, is complete without engaging the Bretton Woods institutions.
- Accountability is a must, however, let's avoid political conditions. Let our focus be development in the true sense of development.
- Let this partnership include all regional organizations. Let us hear their views. They know about their regions much more than us.

- Let us avoid using catchy words such as “leaving no one behind,” Let us have actionable measures and mechanisms.
- Let us have a fresh look at the role of the ECOSOC, its achievements, areas of strength and weakness, let us bring an out of the box thinking on what is going to make this main organ of the UN more effective.
- We in Oman believe the ECONOMIC and SOCIAL council out to live up to its name. Without neglecting the Social or the Economic mandates.

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Let me turn your attention now to my own country, the Sultanate of Oman, we have put partnerships at the core of our Vision for 2040. It is the result of deep collaboration between all actors of the Omani society.

Through the creation of a society-wide dialogue, we have managed to develop capacity-building partnerships between government, private sector, research and academia, civil society, and other stakeholders.

New partnerships emanated from the national debate towards the achievement of our national priorities, such as harnessing science and innovation, addressing the effects of

climate change, and empowering all segments of Omani society.

For instance, to further diversify our economy and meet our targets, at the forefront of which, reaching a net-zero carbon emission by 2050, the second edition of the Green Hydrogen Summit was held in Muscat in December 2022.

It brought together global senior decision makers, international and regional companies, as well as thousands of other energy industry stakeholders from different parts of the world.

It created a space for the exchange of ideas and knowledge towards building successful and inclusive partnerships. During the Summit, meaningful youth participation shared new ideas and developed innovative partnerships contributing to the development of renewable energy in Oman and in the region at large.

We are proud of the participatory nature of our national plan which gave birth to many ambitious new partnerships and translating policies into actions towards the implementation of our Vision and of the 2030 Agenda.

In conclusion, Madame President, Distinguished colleagues, Ladies and gentlemen, this year, once again, we look forward to the Partnership Forum and for the invaluable inputs it will provide for the High-Level Political Forum, the Session of the ECOSOC, and the SDG Summit to be held in September 2023.

As we accelerate recovery from the pandemic and prepare for future challenges, we must ensure that global, regional, and local partnerships are maintained and revitalized, not in words, but with sound actions and the necessary resources needed to transform partnerships into actual roadmaps for sustainable development towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda.

I thank you all.