

**Statement of the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of
Türkiye**

**Thematic session 1: More and more effective funding and capacity for SDG
related research and innovation in all regions (SDG17)
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Mr. Chair,

As per global consensus, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been established to ensure a sustainable future for all. These goals act as a guide to

create a better world for everyone, but their achievement requires effective funding as well as enhanced research and STI innovation capacity.

Research and innovation play a crucial role in making progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, there exists a significant gap in funding and capacity between various regions.

In order to reduce this gap, it is important for governments, international organizations, academia, private sector and civil society to work together and prioritize investing in SDG-related research and innovation across all regions. This involves not only allocating funds, but also building the necessary infrastructure, fostering collaboration, and nurturing talent.

Dear participants,

Türkiye recognizes the crucial importance of global cooperation in utilizing science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development. As a responsible member of the international community, we are committed to actively contributing to this collective effort.

As an key enabler, Türkiye underscores the significant role of science, technology, and innovation on building a fairer world. Within this scope leveraging international collaboration with all concerned stakeholders is a priority for Türkiye. It should be clearly underlined that progress of LDCs will be the battle ground for the world that will determine whether we achieve SDGs

collectively or fail all together. It is crystal clear that non of the nations could achieve SDGs alone.

Türkiye, as the host country and a significant contributor to the UN Technology Bank, is fully committed to achieving sustainable development by leaving no one behind. However, the least developed countries (LDCs) are still facing challenges in catching up to the rest of the world. To address this, we recognize that the Technology Bank has a significant significant mandate in in facilitating the achievement of sustainable development goals.

As a model example, United Nations Technology Bank implementing Technology Makers Lab project. The under referenced project, developed based

on Türkiye's best practice technology workshops project called "Deneyap", is proved to be instrumental in equipping young people with technology skills.

We are welcoming the Technology Bank's effort in expanding the project to nine other least developed countries (LDCs). We also welcome the Technology Bank's technology needs assessment for least developed countries as an important tool in identifying prior technologies that leverage development of the LDCs in country specific.

Thank you very much.