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Advancing the IDESR Ecosystem Initiative as the "Antarctica of Africa"

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Distinguished Delegates, Member States, and Stakeholders,

It is a privilege to speak with you today as the President of **Africans in America for Restitution and Repatriation (Africa-SARR)**. Our mission is aligned with the **UN Secretary-General's Pact for the Future**, which calls for **global cooperation, sustainability, and social justice**. This vision is reflected in our proposal for the **International Desert, Environmental, Scientific, and Research (IDESR) Ecosystem**, situated in **Bir Tawil**, an unclaimed desert land between **Sudan** and **Egypt**.

Bir Tawil represents a unique opportunity to establish a **sovereign state** and create a globally recognized **scientific hub**. This initiative focuses on **environmental restoration, renewable energy, and regional security**, contributing to **sustainable development** that benefits African nations and the global community. The **IDESR Ecosystem** will foster **scientific innovation, economic development, and social inclusion**, helping address critical global challenges such as climate change and poverty. Bir Tawil, in this context, has the potential to become the **Antarctica of Africa**, a neutral, collaborative zone for scientific discovery and international cooperation.

This project directly contributes to the **Pact for the Future** by creating new avenues for **economic growth and regional cooperation**. By transforming Bir Tawil into an international hub for **sustainability and innovation**, we aim to drive collaborative solutions that benefit not only the African continent but also the global community. The **IDESR Ecosystem** offers a platform for **African Americans** to engage in meaningful resettlement and development opportunities that promote growth and empowerment.

As we gather here at the **ECOSOC Partnership Forum**, I urge **UN agencies, member states, and stakeholders** to support the development of the **IDESR Ecosystem** in Bir Tawil. Together, we can transform this unclaimed land into a beacon of **sustainability, innovation, and global justice**, contributing to a more secure and prosperous future for all.

Thank you.