

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR LOK BAHADUR THAPA
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3:50 PM-4:45 PM AT THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Theme: Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind.

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, I extend my sincere gratitude for organizing this Partnership Forum by bringing relevant stakeholders together to address the common challenges of the 2030 Agenda.

The theme of this Forum could not be timelier and more relevant at a time when we are facing significant setbacks in our efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda, and when there is an urgent need to accelerate progress with robust and renewed partnerships among relevant stakeholders.

Mr. President,

Nepal has been steadfast in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We have aligned our national policies and plans with this global agenda.

By integrating the SDGs into its development framework, Nepal aims to ensure sustainable progress in various sectors.

Through collective efforts, we have made notable progress in poverty reduction, food security, health care, education, clean water, sanitation, sustainable cities, and environmental conservation.

Nationally, our progress stands at 41.7 percent against 2030 targets.

Yet, major challenges remain, particularly in SDG 5, SDG 8, and SDG 17.

Nepal faces an annual SDG financing gap of approximately 5.8 billion US dollars.

Mr. President,

Nepal places high importance on the multistakeholder approach.

It continues to advance its effective and meaningful partnership with the UN agencies and multi-stakeholders in a timely, coordinated, and effective manner.

The National Integrated Financing Framework emphasizes a whole-of-government and multi-stakeholder approach to financing for development.

Nepal collaborates with various international development partners, including governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector entities, to mobilize resources and expertise for SDG implementation.

Nepal works closely with the UN to align its national development plans with the SDGs and accelerate economic and social transformation.

The UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027) has remained a key strategic framework to this end.

Nepal is also working closely with the UN and other development partners to ensure smooth, sustained, and irreversible graduation from the LDC status by 2026.

Mr. President,

Against this background, we underline the importance of this Partnership Forum.

We believe that to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is crucial to establish stronger partnerships that can expand and mobilize diverse funding sources, encourage innovation and technology transfer, improve coordination and collaboration, and bolster capacity building and institutional strengthening.

Nepal is committed to working with international partners. the private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders to leverage resources, expertise, and technology to drive progress toward the SDGs.

Finally, Mr. President,

Building on the momentum from the Summit of the Future, we must uphold the multistakeholder partnership in upcoming multilateral processes, including the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the World Social Summit, and the World Summit on the Information Society, among others.

I thank you.