



# PHILIPPINES

Statement to be delivered by

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**Minister**

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*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*

**(3 mins)**

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Philippines aligns with the statement of the G77 and China and wishes to provide the following additional points in our national capacity:

1. The Philippines recognizes that multi-stakeholder partnerships are crucial in advancing the 2030 Agenda, particularly the SDGs-in-focus at the upcoming HLPF; and thus welcomes this annual ECOSOC Partnership Forum.
2. The Philippines implements a whole-of-society and whole-of-nation approach in the implementation of the SDGs, which are entrenched in the country's development priorities and goals as laid out in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028.
3. In line with this approach, we have strengthened our national Stakeholders' Chamber on the SDGs, launched in 2022, which is a platform to mobilize the private sector, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, academe, and sectors, such as indigenous peoples and the youth, in the implementation and acceleration of the SDGs to ensure that no one is left behind.

4. The government works to bring the Stakeholders' Chamber to the regional level, expanding SDG efforts with Local Government Units, ensuring the localization of the SDGs. The government also initiated policy reforms such as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act; the Philippine Competition Act; and Tax Reform laws, which provided much needed relief for MSMEs.
5. In our path towards upper middle-income country status, the Philippine government is boosting innovation, promoting a sound business environment, and enhancing good governance.
6. We also continue to advocate for an open, inclusive, participatory and transparent VNR process. We look forward to presenting our 4<sup>th</sup> VNR at the HLPF this year, after the conduct of nationwide consultations with relevant stakeholders throughout the process.
7. As a responsible member of the international community, we look forward to providing support to you Mr. President and to this year's VNR presenters, in our capacity as Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of the VNRs.
8. In our efforts to enhance partnerships, the Philippines recognizes the role of South-South and triangular cooperation as catalysts for sustainable development. The network and contributions of partners such as the UNOSSC, and the UN Global Compact, among others, should be leveraged.
9. Lastly, revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable development also entails the fulfillment of commitments on development finance and climate finance, strengthening trade, and enhancing statistical capacity for science- and evidence-based policymaking.

Thank you.