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**Opening statement by
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Statistical Commission by March 2016 and then put to the Council and Assembly for adoption.

The deliberations of the new ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum, as the follow-up mechanism for the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, will also form an integral part of the annual reviews. Both the HLPF and the ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum will take fully into account the work of the Development Cooperation Forum, which brings us here today.

Development cooperation, in all its forms, will be a key driving force for implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development.

Financial resources, capacity building and policy advice are all part of this important web of activities that we think of as development cooperation for the SDGs.

Development cooperation should serve to promote the full spectrum of sustainable development priorities in an integrated manner. It can help lead to synergies and mutual reinforcement across sectors, and to better linking inputs to effective results.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Inspired by the new global development agenda, let us be practical in our deliberations. Let us use this Symposium to exchange ideas openly, and to be frank about the real challenges and opportunities in (i) aligning development cooperation policies and practices to support the 2030 Agenda and (ii) improving monitoring of development cooperation and related