



the policies and actions that promote and support economic growth that can enhance poverty reduction efforts and help to meet the MDG goals.

Promoting women's equal access to and full participation in decision-making is crucial.

Enhanced co-ordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and programmes and other relevant international organizations is critical in accelerating the achievement of the goals and targets of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. Without this co-ordination, efforts by governments and civil society to meet the targets can be seriously jeopardized.

Finance, technology and capacity building continue to be fundamental. Whilst multilateral financial mechanisms have played a key role in supporting countries in achieving sustainable development, it should be noted that resources made available thus far through these mechanisms have been woefully inadequate and unpredictable and that developing countries continue to experience challenges in accessing these funds.

Infrastructure development, information and communication technologies must be promoted. Global science and technology remains key for a development agenda that promotes technology development, transfer and capacity building, which are underpinned by viable financing mechanisms.

Chair, Rio +20 is key in moving forward our discussions on sustainable development and must be responsive to the challenges we face. Rio +20 must be a constructive session that lays a firm foundation for an action-oriented programme for sustainable development.

We look forward to a meaningful and constructive discussion that will form a basis and stimulate a fruitful policy session in 2011. I thank you.