



Last July, Heads of State and Government adopted the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The Agenda provided a comprehensive financing framework to support the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Member States have started implementing this important agenda through a dedicated and strengthened FfD follow-up process.

The launch of the ECOSOC FfD Forum today marks a new chapter in the history of

forge ahead with elevated ambition and innovation based on the lessons learned from these experiences.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda envisaged this Forum to perform unique functions.

First, the Forum serves as a primary platform for policy dialogue on financing for development follow-up. It is tasked to assess progress, identify challenges, and facilitate the delivery of the means of implementation. It is also expected to promote sharing of lessons learned at the national and regional levels, while addressing new and emerging topics.

Second, the Forum provides a platform for concrete action. We will come up with intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations to guide the implementation of

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wish to commend their dedication and stewardship. As mandated in the Addis Agenda, the outcome of this Forum will then be fed into the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.