



Intro

Ministers, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

2015 was the year when the world came together to agree on three milestones: the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Agenda 2030 and the Climate Agreement in Paris. Let us all be proud of this! But let us also admit that plans and visions aren't enough. Now we need action.

For that reason, I am glad to participate in this inaugural forum on financing for development, the main forum for reviewing implementation of the Addis agenda.

Coherence

And implementation is urgently needed. When we look at the challenges in the world: climate

change, the refugee crisis, or the fact that over one billion people are still lacking energy, one could argue that there is a huge need for more resources. Especially if we are to fulfil the Agenda 2030 and eradicate poverty.

This is indeed true, but at the same time we see that large amounts of money are spent on arms, on fossil subsidies, or simply lost in corruption. Or the fact that billions are being hidden in tax havens over the world, which has been very clear the last weeks.

Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will be absolutely necessary in fulfilling the agenda. There is a clear linkage between women's economic participation and increased growth resulting in increased resources for development. As a representative of the Swedish *feminist* government I would in this regard like to highlight the Addis Ababa Action Plan on Transformative

Woman and a number of countries and serves to translate the commitments on gender equality of the agenda into concrete actions

And of course, Official Development Assistance also has an important and unique role to play, especially in the least developed countries. Sweden, as one of few countries, set aside 1% of its GDP