



High-level Thematic Round Table 6

Sustainable recovery from the pandemic and building the resilience of least developed countries against future shocks

**8 March 2023, Doha time: 9 am to 12 pm
Thematic Roundtable Hall**

Summary of proceedings (maximum 600 words)

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of H.E. Mr. Siaosi Sovaleni, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga and H.E. Justice Nthomeng Majara, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, I am honoured to be delivering the summary of Roundtable 6 on Sustainable recovery from the pandemic and building the resilience of least developed countries against future shocks. The Roundtable was held on 8 March between 9am to 12pm. It was co-chaired by Tonga and Lesotho and brought together a distinguished panel comprising member states, the United Nations, other intergovernmental organisations and multilateral financing institutions. There was also an opportunity for civil society speakers from least developed countries to report on their work on the ground.

The Roundtable had a number of key takeaways, with participants noting that sustainable recovery, access to vaccines and enhanced disaster mitigation

capacities are crucial to ensure the achievement of internationally agreed development goals and build resilience in the LDCs.

It was stressed that traditional approaches and responses to the many global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have been inadequate. What is needed, at the national level, is a whole-of-government approach, to coordinate all relevant ministries in the effort to address current and future global pandemics, as well as

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launched for countries that are lagging behind because many of them are facing conflict situations and structural weaknesses. Additionally, Belgium announced that it would work together with global partners toward an ambitious international framework to prevent, prepare for and respond to future pandemics.