



**Africa Regional Review in Preparation of the 5<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on LDCs  
Special Session of the UN Technology Bank**

**“Empowering LDCs through Science, Technology and Innovation”**

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**innovation Due to COVID 19, at least 71 million more people have entered extreme poverty while severe and moderate food insecurity has increased particularly in Sub Saharan Africa. While about 630 million people still lack access to electricity, satisfying a leap forward will require clean and renewable solutions based on R&D and innovation. Needed leaps are possible only with a**



## **The Path Forward and Concluding Remarks**

**As recognized in the UN Research Roadmap for COVID 19 Recovery, we are at a turning point in shaping our common future that can be towards sustainable development or otherwise. The direction will depend on our joint collaboration**

**From the perspective of TÜBİTAK, this direction will depend on a focus on co-creation and succeeding together: From basic sciences to engineering as well as the social sciences and humanities, we need a collaborative approach to ensure that we produce impact to secure an inclusive and sustainable future that advances the needs and potential of the LDCs. We hope that our open dialogue will support this approach in a time when it is most needed, and that such dialogue will be used to map out the next 10 years of a collaborative and effective partnership**

**As the host country, Turkey is providing financial support to the Bank in the amount of USD 2 million annually and covers the Bank's office expenses, as well as setting up expenses. Our conviction to the Bank's importance is continuing unabated**

**We wish to see increased support to the UN Technology Bank from the development partners and call on LDCs to benefit from the Bank's work to realize impact**

**True sustainable development requires a future where we transform the concept of LDCs. True sustainable development requires a future where R&D and innovation provides a shared direction to discover new potentials and possibilities to truly transform the future that awaits us all. With these remarks, on behalf of my country and institution, I wish the best for a productive special session in contribution to the Africa Regional Review towards the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on LDCs.**

**Thank you**

## **Question and Answer Session / Closing Remarks**

**How can cooperation and collaboration between research institutions and the private sector be enhanced to promote research, development and innovation in the field of science and technology, especially in technology transfer?**

**Based on the approach that we have been realizing in our ecosystem, we recognize the importance of integrating actors across the ecosystem in co-creation based approaches. This involves bringing competences across institutions towards joint targets in common platforms so that is possible to attain impact for new**

