

6. The Forum / as held against the backdrop of the continuing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic which has resulted in the loss of millions of lives. Recorders reports to date have been uneven (inequitable and inadequate) in terms of progress in sustainable development. COVID-19 continues to threaten to reverse decades of development gains (further delay in the front transition to greener (more inclusive) economies. Prior to the onset (the Sustainable Development Goals / were already) of, track (although some progress had been achieved in 2019) reduction (maternal and child health (access to electricity) (and gender equality). The eighth session of the Forum hence convened an opportunity to exchange good practices and discuss solutions to accelerate and expand the scale of implementation within the narrow window of the decade of action and delivery, or sustainable development.

7. The eighth session / as held on the theme: 'D35i'din ,or/ard &etter: a reen(inclusive and resilient Africa poised to achieve the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063). This theme is closely aligned with that of the 2022 meeting of the high-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (name: 'D35i'din & &etter ,rom the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) / his advanced the 2022 implementation of the 2030 Agenda, or Sustainable Development'.

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5. The session / as moderated by the Moderator (Lerato Moleleke of South Africa. It / as officiated by the President of the Republic of South Africa. The opening statements / ere delivered by the Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Climate Change, the Co-Chair of the 19th session of the Forum (Arlette Soulé of the Under-Secretary

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%c' Domestic resource mobilization is critical for sustainable development. Africa needs to address the issue of its "credit" crisis with a sense of urgency (recognizing its multiplier effect in supporting countries' growth, role and boost their credit)?

%d' Governments should become enablers (not competitors) in creating a conducive environment for the private sector. To that end, removing the private sector is vital to enable Africa to take ownership of its development?

%e' As commodity dependence is a constraint and a risk (African countries are forced to switch to raw material addition and manufacturing to shield, or harden and reduce resource dependence)?

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%&' Strengthen partnerships to embrace and speed implementation of the Great Blue Wall in support of coastal and marine restoration and protection?

%c' ; Show, or delegating countries to honor the promise of, providing J100 billion per year for climate action & the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and dedicate a significant amount of those resources to support coastal adaptation (protection and resilience plans)?

%d' Increase investment in marine data (science) technologies and "ocean entrepreneurship".

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56. In the light of, the discussion member States and their partners are urged:

(a) to "or4 close" to strengthen or establish national councils for excellent institutions on science, technology and innovation that are chaired at the highest levels of government, or continuous time* and realistic science, technology and innovation dialogues (leadership support) monitoring and evaluation (as it is recognized that countries that made significant strides in economic science, technology and innovation, or development had such institutions) which enabled them to position these areas as key enablers, or sustainable development?

(b) to enhance the effectiveness of, the science, technology and innovation policy formulation and implementation processes and establishing mechanisms for stronger partnerships and engagement with academia, industry and government (and a rigorous and reliable monitoring and evaluation frame) or4 to achieve American aspirations and the goals of, the 2030 Agenda, or Sustainable Development?

(c) to raise the expenditure on research and development to a minimum of, 1.2 per cent of, gross domestic product (GDP)

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We, African ministers, and senior officials responsible for environment and sustainable development, finance, economic and social development, agriculture, education, justice, statistics, the digital economy, science and technology, heads and members of delegations of the parliaments of African Union member states and experts representing governments and intergovernmental organizations, the private sector and civil society,

gathered online and in person in Addis Ababa, from 1 to 5 March 2022 at the 54th session of the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (held under the theme of "Digital Economy for Jobs and Growth: a Green, Inclusive and Resilient Africa poised to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Agenda 2063") and placed under the high patronage of the President of the Republic of South Africa

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session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and at other sessions (revisions and amendments) convened to accelerate the implementation of the 2009 Agenda and Agenda 20E).

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