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Good morning, everyone.

It is a pleasure to be here. I would like to thank the Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability for inviting me to this important event and for providing us with this impactful report. In these challenging times of multiple crisis and misinformation, the world needs trusted advice and trusted communication. Science is essential in providing us with the backbone for our conversations and deliberations when we work on finding solutions to the complex problems we face.

We are all aware that the SDG Summit in September must be a turning point in the SDG implementation – or we will never make up the ground that was lost. Today's report brings to the table several recommendations that can contribute to our toolkit of solutions by ensuring that science caters directly to societal needs.

The report also highlights that we must change traditional science funding and investment models in order to boost transdisciplinary science for sustainability. This message is fully aligned with the calls we heard at this year's ECOSOC Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs, held in May. I would also like to thank the International Science Council for its support for the Forum.

This current report adds to the voices of the scientific community we heard at Forum in May and to the upcoming Global Sustainable Development Report that will be launched in September. It is clear that our current generation is equipped with unprecedented amounts and levels of knowledge, technologies and resources. I hope that all of us in this room can amplify the message in the run up to the SDG Summit that extraordinary breakthroughs driven by science, and accelerated through partnerships, are required – and more importantly that they are also possible.

Thank you.