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I thank the Co-Chairs for their thoughtful closing remarks and for administering this dynamic and inspiring Forum.

Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Your active engagement and lively contributions have helped enrich the global dialogue on science technology and innovation for sustainable development. During the last two days we heard about many opportunities, challenges, case studies, and promising practices in this field.

We heard about the influence of the pandemic, which in spite of its immense damages, also accelerated the progress of technology and scientific cooperation across borders.

We heard about the value of cooperation in the form of data sharing, collective learning, and cross-disciplinary approaches at all levels – from the grassroots, to the national, to the global.

We heard about the incredible opportunities in areas such as AI to develop transformative high-impact technology applications for sustainable development.

We also heard about the value of bottom-up movements and inclusive planning to integrate local and indigenous knowledge into new technologies to better address contextual needs.

One major challenge is ensuring that new technologies and research initiatives prioritize sustainability as a core driving factor. Strategic policies

can help. There is an urgent need for policy makers to adapt new policies and incentive systems to keep up with the pace of rapidly advancing technologies.

Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me to thank you all again for your important contributions. I look forward to the Summary by the two Co-chairs, which will be an invaluable input to the July session of the High-level political forum and the SDG Summit in September.

Thank you all. This meeting is adjourned.