



Integration Dialogue 1

Institutional strengthening, governance, inclusion and the rule of law 27 May 2021

Closing Remarks by

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Panelists, Delegates and Participants,

I would like to thank our lead entity UNDP, our moderator, Ms. Sarah Cliffe, our distinguished panelists and all of you for participating virtually in the first ever Integration Dialogue today.

We are living through extraordinary times and facing challenges that can only be overcome if we act together in a coordinated and integrated way. The pandemic demonstrated how interconnected we are. What started as a health crisis turned into a socio-economic turmoil threatening our progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It has been an enlightening dialogue with your rich contributions from the perspective of your respective entities and countries. We have covered a full scope of issues, highlighting the richness of the work of the ECOSOC system and UN entities. We also heard about the challenges faced by countries in the wake of the pandemic and how they are trying to respond to its unprecedented socio-economic impacts.

We are all aware of the urgency to stop the pandemic and alleviate its negative impacts on our people, especially the most marginalized. We must build on this momentum to ensure no one is left behind in our recovery efforts to a more sustainable path. To this end, strong, effective, accountable and transparent institutions, governance and rule of law are prerequisites for an effective and inclusive recovery from the pandemic, as well as for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs.

Our reflections throughout this dialogue will provide important inputs for the ECOSOC Integration Segment in July. To this end, the outcome of the integration dialogues will be a concise note

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identifying key integrated policy options to put us back on track for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

I invite you to join us at the second Integration Dialogue on “*Building back better towards inclusive, sustainable, and just economies for recovery: Re-designing the contract between people and planet*” on 3 June 2021.

I thank you.