

Integration Dialogue 3

Human well-being and capabilities: Building back more resilient, healthy, equitable and sustainable societies

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Closing Remarks by

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Panelists, Delegates and Participants,

I would like to thank our lead entity FAO and our moderator, Ms. Beth Bechdol, our distinguished panelists and all of you for participating virtually in the Integration Dialogue today.

You have given us a lot of food for thought and our task is to bring together these key ideas and policy recommendations for integrated solutions to build a more resilient, healthy, sustainable and equitable future. We need to ensure global connectivity by 2030 as the SG indicated, and we need to obtain and use available data in benefit of people.

One of the lessons of the pandemic has been that health should not be considered a cost to the economy, but an investment in human well-being. We need to rebuild inclusive societies that are resilient in the face of future pandemics, climate-related events, and other challenges.

We must prioritize the most vulnerable and marginalized, including migrants, to ensure no one is left behind. . It is clear that all agencies and organizations we need to learn from the terrible experience of this pandemic, we need to share our learnings and we need to develop the best possible integrated policies to be better prepared.

But we have a new dimension of well-being. The scenario has enormously change. It is clear that traditional elements of well-being must be addressed, but the scenario is getting more and more complicated, and now we have to deal with new challenges for ensuring a new human dimension wellbeing of XXIst Century, because the challenges have change.

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End hunger, access to water, to energy, and to health services will always be the core elements for life. But now, we need to leave no one unvaccinated behind, not now and not in the future. Leave no one unconnected, because connectivity is essential in our Century.

Dear Colleagues,

We are making a difference here. This is not business as usual and I congratulate all participants in the integration dialogues for making the difference and the hope of working better. ECOSOC in its 75th anniversary is not anymore the traditional body we knew. We are cooking here enormous changes through integrated policies and information sharing, we are just fulfilling the mandate the Charter gave the Council.

I invite you to join us at the ECOSOC Integration Segment that will take place on Friday, 2 July to continue our discussions, building on the integration dialogues. I will be sharing the key messages from the Integration Segment at the opening of the High-level Political Forum on 6 July.

I thank you.