



Morocco's contribution to the 17th of March 2022 Subcommittee meeting on HLPF

- First of all I would like to thank the Chair for conveying this meeting on the preparations of the HLPF. I would like also to thank the secretariat for its draft contribution to the outcome document of the HLPF;
- The draft contribution constitutes a good basis for work, and this subcommittee will play its role to make it more **insightful and comprehensive** in a way that will help engage constructively the CPR further in its consideration.
- While the subcommittee will be doing this “expert preparatory work”, we shall keep in mind that **the zero draft of the ministerial declaration that will be the outcome document of the HLPF, is yet to be produced by the co-facilitators, in NY**, where we will therefore also need to put it under our consideration. Having said that, this should not prevent Nairobi to contribute to the whole process of the HLPF.
- I would like, also, to seize this opportunity to make **some general comments on behalf of my country the Kingdom's of Morocco** on the draft inputs by the secretariat which is under our consideration, and which will touch upon the background, the language and the structure of the future outcome document. These preliminary remarks are as follow:
 - ❖ **On the background:**
 - The importance to build on the language of previous HLPF Ministerial Declarations as the basis for 2022 HLPF Ministerial Declaration.
 - ❖ **On the language used:**
 - Terminologies from multilaterally agreed UN documents such as **the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement and Addis Ababa Action Agenda** should be used.
 - ❖ **On the structure of the HLPF outcome document:**
 - The outcome document of the HLPF should be **concise, streamlined, action-oriented and consensual**;
 - ❖ **On the contents of the HLPF outcome document:**
 - The outcome document should have an introductory paragraphs:
 - On the 2030 Agenda;
 - Reaffirming that eliminating poverty in all its forms and dimensions remains the overarching agenda;
 - Underlining the role of multilateralism and the UN system in supporting national efforts towards achieving the SDGs;
 - Highlighting importance of synergies with other major U.N. outcome documents in the economic, social and environmental fields;
 - On VNRs (Voluntary National Reviews);
 - Stressing on the to promote sustainable development in all its dimensions in a

balanced and integrated manner and the specific challenges faced by the developing countries and focus on African challenges.

- The outcome document should also have a section on the COVID-19 pandemic that could consider:
 - The impact of pandemic on progress towards the 2030 agenda;
 - An overview of progress/regression on SDGs in comparison with previous years;
 - Highlight the disproportionate impacts of the pandemic on developing and developed countries;
 - Outline the additional immediate measures needed to combat the pandemic;
 - Also outline the immediate measures required for countries to move towards an inclusive and sustainable recovery.
- The outcome document should then consider a specific paragraph for **each SDG under review** in depth and evaluate the implementation progress, challenges, actions and solutions; Moreover, **priority issues not covered by the SDGs under review** should also be considered;
- The outcome document should have **action-oriented paragraphs on the way forward**, especially with regards to **bridging the widening global inequalities**;
- Lastly, the outcome document should reiterate the core principles enshrined in the Rio declaration summit of 2012 on sustainable development, which are linked to the **means of implementation, technology transfer, the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities, national circumstances, the principle of equity** etc. These have the merit to be underlined in the outcome of such an important High Level Political Forum, in a way that will help member states take the actions that will meet the ambition.

I thank you.