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Keeping 1.5 within Reach, Setting NDCs 3.0 in Motion

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Introductory Remarks by Daniele Violetti, Senior Director, UNFCCC secretariat

Excellencies, Colleagues,

I am delighted to be here on behalf of our Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat, Simon Stiell, who had to travel urgently to his home country of Grenada in the immediate aftermath of the devastating hurricane that has hit the region. He has asked me to convey his apologies for not joining us today and to deliver these remarks in his stead at this critical event.

Colleagues,

The title of this side-event could not be more appropriate.

Keeping 1.5 within reach.

We are seeing more and more extreme weather events.

Hurricane Beryl was merely the latest

This devastation – heatwaves that kill more and more people every year, floods, forest fires, hurricanes – is the result of global warming.

This is what we are contending with, at 1.2 degrees Celsius.

Make no mistake – right now, already, 8 billion people are on the climate frontlines.

Developed countries are no exception.

And past 1.5, that frontline will only grow more brutal and punishing.

We must keep 1.5 within reach.

The UAE consensus heralded the end of the fossil fuel era.



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It underlined the gap in emissions reduction, but also the path we need to take to close it.

Now is the time to set ambitious policies, to back them with the necessary means of implementation, and to transition away from fossil fuels.

By February next year, all governments must deliver new, investable, implementable Nationally Determined Contributions – NDCs 3.0.

These plans must unlock the necessary finance, having impact in the real economy.

And they must include and consider all stakeholders. From financial institutions to indigenous peoples and women.

NDCs must serve the whole of society, involving and enabling all people to put their full potential to full use.

NDCs can and must be blueprints driving forward more and better jobs, inclusive economic growth, and supporting development. Sustainably.

Because it is this development that will allow us to protect the most vulnerable from the worse impacts of climate change, right now, and in the crucial years ahead.

Development equals resilience.

That is why we need to make sure these plans support a just transition.

Our global efforts towards a more equitable financial system that supports your reforms and investments are fundamental.

We must keep implementation in mind.

Because ambition, on paper, is just a word.

But in practice, it saves lives and livelihoods.

Each signal you send will embolden investors to support you, ratcheting up ambition. From early NDC contributions to more ambitious plans amid what must become a growing consensus that this is the only path forward.



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NDCs 3.0 must get us there.

They must be in line with the Global Stocktake.

In line with science.

Involving the whole of society.

And we are doing our best to support you.

Be it through capacity building, especially for the most vulnerable countries.

Be it through tools like the NDC 3.0 Navigator, which provides knowledge and good practices on which governments can build.

In fact, we already had two Interagency meetings precisely on how UN system agencies how UN system agencies and partners beyond the UN system can work together to better support you on this mission.

Because these NDCs are the way we keep 1.5 alive.

And we will continue to work closely with the UN system and beyond to deliver on this goal.

I thank you.