

**Statement of State-Secretary of the
Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic
Mr. Aidin Sharsheev
on The Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD),
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

First of all, let me express my sincere gratitude to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe for organizing today's Regional Forum. Thanks to this, we were given unique opportunity to discuss once again and reconcile the positions in the promotion of the realization in our countries of the SDG.

Nowadays, within the implementation of the Development Agenda-2030 adopted by UN member states, including the Kyrgyzstan, economic, environmental and social transformations are under way, which are expected to give a significant positive impact on people's lives, ensure peace and stability.

Alongside with all countries, the Kyrgyz Republic took commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. This obliges us today to take a creative and innovative look at the future development of Kyrgyzstan, taking into account new challenges and risks.

For solution of specific tasks, state bodies were identified, which are responsible for both data collection and policy implementation, with focus on achieving concrete results.

Corresponding to the national interests and development priorities of the country, the SDG are also reflected in the national strategy.

National strategies are managed by the National Council for Sustainable Development of the Kyrgyz Republic, headed by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

A clear vertical of strategic documents of sustainable development and a management system are built in the Kyrgyz Republic:

1. Currently, the development of long-term development priorities - the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of the Country for 2018-2040 "Taza Koom - Zhany Door" (Clean Society - New Era) is being finalized. One of the key initiatives of the national strategy is the digital transformation program "Taza Koom" (Clean Society) for further promotion of the principles of e-government and open society.

A key component for implementation of the Program will also be the digital transformation program, based on human capital and innovation, living in harmony with the environment.

The national program of digital transformation “Taza Koom” corresponds to the substance of the UN General Assembly Resolution “Transformation of Our World: An Agenda for Sustainable Development for the period until 2030”, where it is recognized that the dissemination of information and communication technologies and global interconnection of networks promotes great opportunities for acceleration of human progress, bridge the digital divide and build a knowledge-based society.

We are confident that the “Taza Coom” Program will open new horizons for Kyrgyzstan: it will improve the efficiency of government bodies, taking into account the automatization of many processes and the introduction of transparency principles.

2. During the strategic planning, we established a close partnership with the UN system and UNDP. The new strategic documents of the UN-UNDAF system and the UNDP Country Program Document for 2018-2022 adopted by the Kyrgyz Republic, also focused on national priorities, the interests of Kyrgyzstan, assistance in achieving the indicators and targets reflected in the Global Development Agenda and SDG 2030.
3. In addition, the Kyrgyz Republic was chosen as a pilot country for integrated assessment and support of the implementation of Agenda 2030 in the form of update, acceleration and policy support missions (MAPS). In order to strengthen the work to achieve the SDG and address the adapted tasks, the MAPS mission is expected to visit the Kyrgyz Republic in early April. We hope that the work of the mission will assist to develop inter sectoral solutions and identify accelerators that should help in achieving by the Kyrgyz Republic's Sustainable Development Goals.

Dear participants of the forum!

In conclusion, let me note that the Agenda and the SDG 2030 are immanent parts of the political course of Kyrgyzstan oriented towards sustainable development. The establishment of various venues with the support of the UN system, including this forum, provides an excellent opportunity for a broader experience exchange, introduction of examples of best practices in our countries, regional and international consultations, strengthening existing and establishing new contacts with partners on sustainable development.

I would like to thank the organizers of the Forum for the hospitality and wish to all participants of the meeting a successful and fruitful work.