

Thank you Mr. Chair to giving the floor to the Scientific & Technological Communities

Progress in meeting sustainable development goals in the areas under review at this CSD session will require substantial innovative advances in science and technology.

There is clear evidence that human actions have become the main driver of global environmental change and that, in certain parts of the world, the current aggregate trends and patterns of consumption and production are unsustainable. This is particularly true with regards to current transportation technologies, management of chemicals and waste, and mining practices. On the other hand, solutions already exist that are in line with sustainable consumption and production.

Mr. Chair,

The advancement, sharing and application of knowledge, science, engineering and technology must be central to efforts of addressing the sustainable development challenges on the agenda of CSD-18. The search of solutions to the issues that will arise in this cycle of discussions should be based on sound science and engineering in order to deliver realistic policies.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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