

## **Congratulatory Remarks**

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Hee-ryong Won, Governor of Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Jong Soo Yoon, Head of Office of UNOSD, Sang-Hyup Kim, Chairman of Coalition for Our Common Future, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to attend Expert Group Meeting on Green Economy for Sustainable Development Goals and to give congratulatory Remarks on behalf of co-host organization of CSDLAP. CSDLAP was established in year 2011 under the Seoul International Law Academy where I serve as the Chairman.

After international community has adopted two historical instruments on Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals, it has become very important for us to bring tangible outcome of the implementation of Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, as SDGs aims at achieving its seventeen goals by 2030, we need to quickly figure out how to do so by having effective implementation mechanisms of the SDGs.

I know climate change is one of the seventeen goals of SDGs. But today, I would like to emphasize if we would effectively implement Paris Agreement by realizing low carbon economy, we will be able to bring successful implementation outcome of SDGs as a whole.

There are several reasons why I am confident to say this.

First, Paris Agreement may be one of the very few existing global regimes which focus on implementation. Its six pillars of mitigation, adaptation, transparency, technology, finance and capacity building provide excellent implementation framework to address climate change by realizing sustainable development in a low carbon way.

Second, climate change regime has secured existence of global organizations of implementation. For financing, for example, we know Green Climate Fund is the official financial entity under the UNFCCC. Along with other financial organizations, we know GCF plays a catalyst role in mobilizing resources to address climate change.

Another example that I can confidently mention today is Global Green Growth Institute. Considering planning and implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions is the key for the successful implementation of Paris Agreement, GGGI's role as a NDC organization for developing countries will enhance overall level of effective implementation of the organization.

Third, national policies of developing countries to address climate change, i.e. their NDCs, have been developed to realize sustainable growth and reduce GHG emissions. In other words, many of national policies of addressing climate change, especially in developing countries, have been already developed and

implemented both in the context of not only addressing climate change but also implementing SDGs.

This expert group meeting will discuss about national implementation of low carbon development by discussing on green economy as a pathway to achieve SDGs, planning low carbon development, financing for low carbon developing, international and national experiences in implementation of low carbon development. I am sure outcome of this meeting will provide a good opportunity not only to the participants in this meeting but also to other relevant governments and other stakeholders for enhancing our understanding on how important for us to develop and implement low carbon development under the Paris Agreement thereby achieving SDGs.

Finally, I know many of you have come to this beautiful island of Jeju from various parts of the world and do hope you will find some time to enjoy beautiful scenery of Jeju Island during your stay.

Thank you!