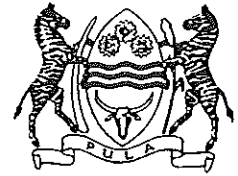


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## **Co-Facilitators,**

1. Let me at the outset align my delegation with the statements delivered by South Africa on behalf of G77 and China, as well as the statements delivered by the Morocco and Niger on behalf of Africa Group and the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries respectively.
2. We thank the Secretary-General for his timely release of the Synthesis Report. We believe that this document will form the basis upon which we draw lessons and inspirations as we move forward.
3. We welcome the General Assembly resolution 68/309 of last year on the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. We are convinced that integrating the SDGs and targets into the Post-2015 Development Agenda is the next logical step to build into the momentum so far created through various processes.
4. On the process itself, we thank the Co-Facilitators for their tirelessness and effort in ensuring that we have a transparent work plan which we will follow in our negotiations.
5. My delegation would like to express its satisfaction at the manner in which negotiations for the Post-2015 Development Agenda have been going so far. We believe they have been inclusive, transparent and participatory.

## **Co-Facilitators,**

6. Looking back at the 2012 Rio+20 Summit which culminated into the "The Future We Want", we are very proud of the journey we have taken and we owe a debt of gratitude to our leaders for shaping our destiny.
7. With its three pillars, the new development framework certainly presents an opportunity and a paradigm shift in charting the course of human history. As we draw lessons and inspiration from the Millennium Development Goals, we look both forward and beyond in pushing back the frontiers of poverty, promoting women empowerment, caring for our planet and on the human person.
8. We believe that the new transformative agenda we serve both present and future generations.
9. We further commend our Heads of State and Government for agreeing that the key solution to the challenges we face lies with the promotion of a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.
10. We believe that one of the most important touchstones to the new development agenda is the recognition that green economy can be a driving force to achieve poverty eradication, sustained economic growth, creating opportunities for employment and improving the welfare of people.
11. In this respect, we share the view that the pursuit of economic and social development should at the same time strike a balance between conservation of biodiversity and regeneration of the ecosystem.

12. They also agreed that the pursuit of economic and social development should at the same time strike a balance with the need to promote conservation of biodiversity and regeneration of ecosystems.

13. Rio+20 therefore played a catalytic role, in calling the attention of the international community to the need to reorient their policy-making processes at both national and international level from environmental damage towards resource efficiency.

14. Various processes have already been undertaken to prepare the landscape for "The Future We Want" underpinned by the three pillars of sustainable development.

15. My delegation is confident that as we formulate the new developmental framework, focus will be on key priority areas that can uplift many citizens of the world from extreme poverty and diseases as well as transform their lives. We remain concerned that there are still multitudes of people struggling with the basic necessities of human life, such as food, water, shelter, health and dignity.

16. In this regard, we have to recognise that actions taken at national level alone cannot be sustained in the absence of a supportive global environment. Such an environment must incorporate an appreciation of the critical role played by trade, finance, investment, technology and Official Development Assistance.

17. Essentially, the pursuit of a sustainable development agenda without robust delivery on Means of Implementation will be an exercise in futility. It is in this regard that we view the upcoming Third International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Addis Ababa this July as critical.

18. In the formulation of the new agenda, let us remember that South-South Cooperation, Triangular Cooperation remain complementary to North-South Cooperation.

#### **Co-Facilitators,**

19. We wish to join in calling for the international community to increase their level of development support to LLDCs in order to assist this group of countries to implement the recent Vienna Programme of Action that was adopted last year in November, during the Second Review Conference of the Landlocked Developing Countries in Vienna, Austria.

20. The integration of the six priority areas identified in the Vienna Programme of Action, into the broader agenda will go a long way in addressing the challenges faced by LLDCs, which continue to witness high levels of poverty.

#### **Co-Facilitators,**

21. In conclusion, Botswana looks forward to the process as a whole, which will lead to the adoption of the Post 2015 development agenda, and we assure you of our constructive engagement and offer our unequivocal support to the Co-Facilitators.

22. I thank you for your attention.

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