



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THAILAND
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

351 EAST 52ND STREET · NEW YORK, NY 10022

TEL (212) 754-2230 • FAX (212) 688-3029

Statement

by

Mr. Paisan Rupanichkij

Minister Counsellor

**at the intergovernmental negotiations on the
post-2015 development agenda
at Trusteeship Council Chamber
18 February 2015**



Building Bridges for Partnership
THAILAND 2017-2018
Candidate for the UN Security Council

Please check against delivery

Mr. Co-Facilitators, thank you for giving my delegation the floor. The elements document that you have shared with us has effectively stimulated fruitful discussion during this session. We sincerely appreciate your excellent work and wish to commend both of you on your wisdom and guidance during this important process.

The Delegation of Thailand wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. In addition, my delegation would like to provide constructive response to your questions contained in your letter dated 5 February 2015.

First, what our world should look like in 2030 and what challenges we must overcome to make this collective vision a reality? Mr. Co-Facilitators, this planet and all of us deserve a sustainable future. Therefore, the promotion of economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations should be our collective vision for the year 2030.

To make this common vision a reality we must eradicate poverty in all its forms, address inequality, promote gender equality, empower women, girls, the elderly and the disabled, combat climate change and the loss of biodiversity, build resilience to natural disasters, revert unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, fight against emerging diseases and effectively manage the impacts of population dynamics, address specific challenges of African countries, LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, while respecting national priorities and capabilities. It is also important and pertinent to create an enabling environment for development through good governance and the rule of law at all levels.

Second, as to the common principles on which the post-2015 development agenda shall be built upon, my delegation wishes to suggest that we continue to be guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations with full respects for international law and its principles. Respecting for universal fundamental human rights, including gender equality is indispensable. People-centered development approach must be the way forward. This is to ensure that the new agenda will be universal both in its deliberation and implementation.

Third, for my delegation, “a transformative agenda” is one that should be built upon the unfinished business of the MDGs with new and robust ambition, while addressing structural causes and drivers of poverty, inequality and unsustainable development.

A transformative agenda should be based on a universal set of goals and targets based on the hard earned proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, which contains a subtle balance of the three pillars of sustainable development as well as political compromise among Member States, with appropriate engagement of Major Groups and other stakeholders.

Data revolution, with the improvement the availability and access to disaggregated data and statistics, is fundamental in realizing an inclusive development. A transformative agenda also requires a reviewing framework that is open, transparent, non-selective and voluntary. The High Level Political Forum (HLPF) could have an important role to play in this regard. The means of implementation and global partnership to ensure successful implementation of this new agenda are also crucial. They should involve multi-stakeholder partnerships to begin with. Maximizing the coherence of the post-2015 development agenda and other related ongoing global processes on climate change, disaster risk reduction and financing for development will make the post-2015 development agenda truly transformative.

Finally, the drafting of the declaration to be adopted by our leaders in September this year is an opportunity for us to secure our leadership’s commitment and provide the global public with a concise, yet robust statement of our common vision for the post-2015 development agenda with sustainable development at its core. We, therefore, must ensure that this declaration will be inspirational to everyone, so that everyone understands what it takes to accomplish the agenda to ensure that no one is left behind.

Mr. Co-Facilitators, dear colleagues, I hope you have a nice lunch. Thank you.
