Opening Statement

- The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, like all member states, is committed to the implementation of the SDGs ensuring that no one is left behind.
- Integration of the goals into the national development planning framework is an on-going process with prospects of yielding positive results.
- Data availability still remains a challenge in terms of timeliness and limited resources available for conducting studies to ensure frequent updates.
Process

- The country has recently reviewed the National Development Framework and in the process integrated the SDGs for implementation within the different sectors.
- Institutional arrangements for implementation include alignment of sectors with the goals, establishment of SDGs Technical Team responsible for monitoring implementation of sector relevant indicators and provide periodic update through the secretariat which reports to cabinet and finally to Parliament.
- Implementation of the SGDs is already on going though still at infancy as the Agenda has just been integrated into the development planning framework.
Good Practices and Lessons

- Stakeholder participation in the whole process is paramount to ensure inclusiveness in implementation.

- Monitoring and evaluation at every stage of implementation is key to inform the next cycle of implementation and eventually policy development.

- Linkages with relevant sectors ensure ownership and working together towards the same goal.
Challenges

➢ Availability of data – timeliness, frequency

➢ Limited resource - human, technological and financial

➢ Technological capacity
On-going activity

- The process of establishing a baseline the SDGs is currently on going in Swaziland. This will set the tone for implementation, monitoring and reporting on the SDGs going forward.
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