

Scientific and Technological Community

Statement at CSD-19

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

We strongly believe that progress toward meeting sustainable development goals in all areas dealt with by CSD-19 will require substantial innovative advances in science, engineering and technology and extensive consideration of the feasibility of proposed solutions.

Enhanced sharing of best practices, North-South and South-South scientific and technological cooperation, knowledge networking and dissemination, as well as sharing of engineering know-how and technology will be essential.

The search of solutions to CSD-19 discussions should be based on sound science and engineering in order to deliver realistic policies. Actions toward the advancement, sharing and application of knowledge, science, engineering and technology should be incorporated in relevant policy recommendations to be agreed upon in this cycle.

Mr. Chair

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. It will be highly important to engage the Scientific and Technological Community, together with other stakeholders, in the implementation of Sustainable Consumption and Production programmes at national, regional and global levels.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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