

General Assembly Consultative Workshops on:
**“Development, transfer and dissemination of clean
and environmentally sound technologies in developing countries”**

Workshops 1 & 2 (30 April and 1 May 2013) – Workshops 3 & 4 (30 and 31 May 2013)

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have come to the end of this very interesting debate on development, transfer and dissemination of environmentally sound technologies among Member States.

In the first round of workshops, we became acquainted with aspects related to the technology needs of countries and options on how to address them. In the sessions held these two days, the focus was directed towards enhancing Member States capacities to access and utilise environmentally sound technologies through international structures, institutions and initiatives and the way forward in terms of strengthening the international architecture in order to induce a higher degree of coordination in the field of sustainable development and technology transfer.

We have listened to enriching presentations and have been also briefed about the challenges which are building up upon the subject. Those discussions clearly emphasize the importance of having a regular exchange of views among Member States, the UN system, and civil society stakeholders in a more interactive format whenever it comes to issues that still require a more precise clarification in order to be tackled. These workshops, as stipulated in the resolution 67/203, have counted since the beginning on full support from the UN system in a way conducive to the involvement of all relevant stakeholders. Several Member States have also delivered important statements and expressed their views on the conduction of the process.

The deliberations held in these workshops, plus other inputs received from Member States and other stakeholders, shall provide an excellent blueprint to for assessment of the stakes which technology and sustainable development. It is also worth mentioning that the discussions and recommendations arising from these Workshops and from written submissions are meant to underpin a report by the Secretary-General on the way forward in this area, to be presented at the 68th Session of the General Assembly starting as of next September.

Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear fellow Member States representatives,

I would like to reserve our final words to express our gratitude and appreciation to this team of able and deeply engaging Moderators and Panellists who contributed to ensure a high-level quality for discussions held.

I thank you all for your attention.