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Thank you Mr./Madam Chair.
Mr./Madam Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Building a new Global Partnership

Under the lead of UN System, identification, coordination and enabling of a wide spectrum of actors (international agencies and national governments, but also local and regional governments, CSOs, and community based groups), at different levels will be essential in ensuring progress to attaining the post 2015 development goals.

The success of alternative development strategies depends on a fundamental revision of this global partnership and the institutional and financial framework that should underpin the goals and targets. The new framework should be supported by a stronger and more democratic international governance structure that includes new stakeholders and covers issues and regulations not being addressed at present.

Local and Regional Governments and their organisations are already acting.

Building on the Rio+20 outcome document that recognizes local and sub-national authorities as key partners, they have gathered in a Global Taskforce working towards the Post 2015 agenda and Sustainable Development Goals, that is meeting those days in New-York to advance its work on targets and indicators under the SDGs.

As the government bodies with much of the responsibility for meeting many of the MDGs and goals suggested for Post 2015, we commit to ensuring local and regional governments address their responsibilities and to demonstrating how poverty reduction, prosperity and sustainable development can be combined.

Multi-stakeholders partnerships.

The new development agenda shall be people centered; focusing on the actors and institutions. **We are convinced that building governance from the bottom up and participatory, transparent and accountable governance are at the core of many of the challenges faced when ensuring universal service provision and protection of citizens' rights. The global agenda should further promote a high degree of policy coherence at and among all levels of governments from global, national, subnational and local. It should define shared responsibilities among all levels of government and stakeholders.**

A new global partnership architecture is needed that brings a step further the important initiatives already undertaken in the Rio process and in the Post2015 consultation. We need to go from consultation to participation in decision making for all relevant actors. From the local authorities perspective the governmental nature of local and sub-national authorities will need to be recognised in any new governance framework for sustainable development.

Once again, we would like to thank the Co-Chairs for facilitating the dialogue with Major Groups and stakeholders and hope that these concerns will be taken into account. Thank you