

**AOSIS INTEVENTION**  
**on**  
**Cluster 4**  
**(Economic Growth, Industrialization, Infrastructure, and Energy)**  
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Thank you Co-chair for giving me the floor.

I am honored to deliver this statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

We also associate ourselves with the statement delivered by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China.

Co-Chairs,

We cannot overemphasize enough the critical need to attach means of implementation to each sustainable development goal and strengthen existing and develop new global partnership for harnessing its full potential with developed partners, private actors, civil society and all relevant stakeholders, as this would support efficient and effective delivery of the means of implementation, particularly for developing countries, including those in special situation such as SIDS. Moreover, the creation and promotion of enabling and conducive environment would ensure effective and efficient achievement of sustainable development goals.

In the interest of brevity and in heeding to your call on focusing on and discussing SDG and Targets, we propose consideration of the following targets for the focus areas under Cluster 4 as follows:

**ECONOMIC GROWTH – support a stand-alone SDG on SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE, AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**Target 1.** Increase investment in human and institutional capacity development particularly for developing countries, including those in special situation.

**Target 2.** Increase the rate of investment in economic and social infrastructure, inter alia, robust information and communication technology and sustainable transport network that benefit all countries, particularly developing countries including those in special situation.

**Target 3.** Promote development and application of sound macroeconomic policies to foster responsive, resilient, and robust sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

**Target 4.** Facilitate access to environmentally sound technologies on favorable terms to developing countries, particularly countries in special situation.

**Target 5.** Increase employment and income opportunities through promotion of environment friendly enterprises and start-ups and adequate incentives and financing.

**Target 6.** Timely and effective implementation of the Outcome of the third Global Conference on SIDS Sustainable Development.

**Target 7** Scaling up investment in safe and clean renewable energy and infrastructure for developing countries, particularly those in special situation.

**Target 8.** Support effective and efficient delivery of financial products and services at the national, regional, and international level.

**Target 9.** Strengthen the linkage between financial intermediaries and productive economic activities at the national, regional, and international level.

**Target 10.** Improve market access by developing countries, particularly those in special situation, through access to market information and affordable sustainable transportation network system.

**Target 11.** Promote fair and equitable global trade system that supports market access and economic prospects and development, especially for developing countries, including SIDS.

**Target 12.** Promote private sector led growth economies, through promotion of investment in productive economic activities including sustainable tourism, fisheries, and agriculture.

**Target 13.** Increase the share of expenditure on research and technological development as percentage of GDP and ODA to reduce the gap with high-income countries.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Target 1.** Increase access and control over productive assets and market opportunities by all countries, particularly developing countries including those in special situation.

**Target 2.** Increase the rate of investment in economic and social infrastructure, inter alia, robust information and communication technology and sustainable transport network, clean and safe modern energy services, and water and waste disposal and treatment that benefit all countries, particularly developing countries including those in special situation.

**Target 3.** Increase the rate of investment in environment friendly infrastructure that strengthens the resilience and security of all countries, particularly the most vulnerable including SIDS, against the adverse impact of climate change and natural disasters.

**Target 4.** Increase development of infrastructure that promotes healthy lifestyle for people and the conservation of the environment.

**ENERGY – SUSTAINABLE ENERGY For ALL as a dedicated and explicit Sustainable Development Goal**

**Target 1.** Universal access to clean, reliable, and affordable modern energy services by 2020.

**Target 2.** Clean renewable energy makes up an increasing share of all primary energy use (energy mix) and energy infrastructure adequately implements social and environmental safeguards by 2020.

**Target 3.** Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency and conservation.

**Target 4.** Strengthen innovative regional and national energy roadmaps, with strong emphasis on renewable energy and energy efficiency, energy storage, and capacity building.

**Target 5.** Reduce fossil fuel production and consumption subsidies and/or transferred to support energy access for the energy poor, renewable energy alternatives and energy efficiency.

**Target 6.** Double global investment in clean renewable energy infrastructure by 2020.

**Target 7.** Increase global investment in energy efficiency & conservation for all sectors of energy end use.

**Target 8.** Increase the share of expenditure on research and technological development and implementation of appropriate renewable energy and energy efficient and environmentally-sound technologies.

**Target 9.** Establish data repositories for the storage and sharing of energy-related data, vital for sustainable energy projects and implementation.

### **Justification and Inter-linkages of Targets in all Focus Areas:**

These focus areas are cross-cutting and there is clear inter-linkages of the corresponding targets in full support of the focus areas. The justification for the targets are as follows:

- inclusive economic growth & poverty eradication
- job and income creation
- universal good health
- improved access to social services
- reducing inequalities
- an healthy planet that provides for all
- climate smart and disaster risk reduction
- technology and infrastructure development.

Thank you.