



19th UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO NATIONAL STATEMENT

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Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government and People of The Kingdom of Lesotho, I convey warm greetings and wish the best results of the deliberations of UNIDO 19th General Conference.

First of all, please allow me to congratulate you, Excellency, on your election as President of the 19th Session of the General Conference. Furthermore, on behalf of The Kingdom of Lesotho, I wish to place on record our sincere gratitude and appreciation of the outgoing Director General, His Excellency, Mr. Li Yong, for his excellent leadership manner in which he steered the Mission of UNIDO. Allow me therefore to express the warmest felicitations to you Excellency. The Kingdom of Lesotho also joins with the Member States in congratulating the incoming Director General His Excellency, Mr. Gerd Muller on his election as the Director General of UNIDO. Excellency, The Kingdom of Lesotho pledges her fullest support to you and to your vision for the future of UNIDO.

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The world has experienced the greatest crisis in modern history during the last two years, with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to further exacerbating the challenges to multilateralism. The Kingdom of Lesotho has been successfully containing the spread of the virus with many proactive measures and a whole-of-government approach.

We recognize that there are many pending tasks, and it is pertinent to review the policies and actions to achieve the goals set. We have the responsibility to inherit to the next generations a more environmentally friendly space; with long-term sustainable solutions. We must build a world with greater equality, equity, and a better scenario of industrialized world.

As we gather for the 19th Session of the UNIDO General Conference it is crucial to renew our commitment towards UNIDO's Mission and emphasize that sustainable industrial development should not be perceived as an abstract term which simply denotes industrialized space. In order to achieve inclusive sustainable industrial development, it is necessary to enhance trust and cooperation between all partners, and this can only be achieved by engaging in respectful dialogue and exchanges between all members of the international community – aligned with the strategic thrusts of UNIDO namely: Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa, Least Development Countries Support Activities, Climate Change and Energy, Trade Capacity Building and Job Creating, Digital Transformation and Innovation and Agribusiness . The development of our people demands rational mechanisms and sustainability of the resources within our reach.

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The time is over for discussions amongst ourselves in the relaxed comfortable atmosphere of our conference rooms. We must constantly bear in mind the difficult realities out there and aspire for radical reaction. Let's make this general conferences that bring together great minds and skills, a think tank that is tangible in the operational thrusts of UNIDO.

UNIDO must be found where Inclusive Industrial Sustainable Development recedes, where human dignity is threatened, where socio-economic condition of human beings is regenerated.

Being a Member State of UNIDO has strengthened us as a nation and has allowed us to make a contribution to the joint efforts towards our common global goals. We are keen to further our cooperation and The Kingdom of Lesotho's support to UNIDO's strategic vision. The Kingdom of Lesotho is committed to contribute to the achievement of UNIDO's noble vision, the Agenda 2030 and the principle of "leaving no one behind".

Thank you for your kind attention.