

**Closing Remarks by
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**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We have come to the end of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Dialogue: From the Millennium Development Goals to the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015.

During the past two days, we, representatives from Asia and the Pacific countries, have come together to share our views, collectively explore and identify the key challenges in the region that should be addressed at the policy level in the elaboration of the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015 based on the lessons learned from the MDGs framework.

We had an opportunity to hear from the representatives of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-level Panel (HLP) of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, as well as the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, about the key issues arising from the High Level Panel report and the ongoing Open Working Group discussions on the formulation of sustainable development goals.

This Dialogue also gave us a chance to review progress on the achievement of MDGs in Asia and the Pacific region, and the lessons learned for the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015.

We also learned from our distinguished panelists about practical experiences regarding effective means of implementation, in particular policy innovations that promote investment in human and natural capital, integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development. I hope that all these sessions would assist us in the process of identifying the key policy, institutional, technological and social innovations and processes required to implement a development agenda with sustainable development at its core.

I believe we now have a clearer vision of the key challenges in the region that should be addressed at the policy level in the elaboration of the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015 based on the lessons learned from the MDGs framework and in the overall context of the three pillars of sustainable development, plus resilience.

Lastly, I would like to convey my gratitude to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, in particular all those who have worked behind the scene

with great sacrifice to ensure the smooth running of this Ministerial Dialogue and help to make it a success.

I would also like to thank all of you for participating in this Ministerial Dialogue. I hope it has proved to be useful to all for the ongoing global process on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015. I wish you the best of time in Bangkok and the safe journey home for all.

Thank you
