



Intervention by
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Mr. President,

For more than 25 years, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future has served as a bridge between stakeholders and the international forums where sustainable development is debated, goals set, and strategies defined. Our mission is to promote open, accountable, and participatory decision-making. We work to strengthen good governance by ensuring continuous stakeholder engagement in both global discussions and the actions that follow. Achieving purpose-built partnerships requires flexibility and a shift in mind-set, and this remains central to our work.

Delivery on SDGs 7, 11 and 17—under review this year—demands a move from broad commitments to **implementation-focused coalitions**.

- **SDG 7 partnerships** must accelerate public-private investment to expand renewable energy, reinforce grid resilience, and ensure affordability for vulnerable communities.
- **SDG 11 partnerships** must strengthen cooperation among local authorities, multilateral institutions, and knowledge partners to advance sustainable mobility, resilient infrastructure, and inclusive services.
- **SDG 17 partnerships** must provide the backbone through data-sharing systems and capacity-building platforms that turn global ambition into local action. This is why we call for a quantitative review of SDG partners for the 2027 SDG High Level Session on their impacts and lessons learned on accelerating implementation of the SDGs.

Stakeholder Forum is engaging all partners in its **new project for the 2027 review of the 2030 Agenda, with a focus on the environmental SDGs**. The discussion paper marking the launch of the project is available on our website (stakeholderforum.org), and we invite all interested stakeholders to work with us.

I thank you, Mr. President