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**“Putting migration on the development agenda: How to integrate migration into  
development planning and the post-2015 development agenda?”**

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- H.E Mr. Hans Lunborg, Ambassador, Department of Multilateral Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden – Co-Chair for this Side Event
- Panellists
- Excellencies
- Delegates
- Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of Jamaica, it is indeed an honour to co-chair this side event of the UN High Level Dialogue on the theme "Putting migration on the development agenda: How to integrate migration into development planning and the post-2015 development agenda?" This side event is designed to provide critical inputs in the dialogue and complement discussions in Roundtables 1 and 3 which focus on assessing the effects of international migration on sustainable development within the context of the post-2015 development framework and the integration of migration into development policies and promoting coherence.

Discussions on Migration and Development and its inclusion in the post-2015 development agenda have gained considerable momentum. However, for many countries, the construct of mainstreaming migration into development planning is relatively new, while for others, there is long standing evidence of its inclusion in their national policies. This will require a paradigm shift in our thinking and approach to development planning. Jamaica has embraced mainstreaming migration as a process, a systematic approach to:

- assessing the impact of migration on development and vice versa;
- recognizing the benefit of migration to the country of origin, the country of destination and the migrants themselves; and

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- integrating international migration into development policies, plans and programmes of the government.

Inclusion of migration into the new global development agenda towards sustainable development to create "The Future We Want" must consider the following in the mainstreaming process:

- Facilitate a **comprehensive analysis** of the interlinkages between migration and human development at national and local level;
- Help identify **policy objectives** for migration and development and ensure **coherence** among relevant policy areas and interventions;
- Ensure **coordination and cooperation** between different ministries (whole-of-government approach), and levels of governance (local, sub-national, national, global);
- Ensure sustainability;
- Facilitate the institutionalization of partnerships and consultations between government agencies and non-governmental stakeholders; and
- Strengthen capacity for developing, implementing and evaluating migration policies from a development perspective and development policies from a migration perspective.

Jamaica's own approach to addressing migration and development has been multimodal and may be reflective of the nature of the approach to be taken at the global level to address this issue. The multidimensional nature of migration and its impact on development and vice versa may require several levels of integration into the global agenda.

As one of the four pilot countries for the Global Migration Group's Project on Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning through financial support from the Swiss Development Agency, Jamaica has actively taken steps

to integrate migration and development into its national planning framework  
**Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan.**

More specifically, a comprehensive National Policy and Plan of Action on International Migration and Development has been formulated and is currently submitted to Cabinet based on extensive stakeholder and public consultation. This Policy provides the road map for national direction on migration and development issues across all sectors. Emanating from this process, the Government has also begun the process for formulating a Diaspora Policy which seeks to strengthen the engagement and partnership with the Diaspora for their contribution to national development.

This approach though not prescriptive, provides an insight on how countries at the national level can take migration and development considerations into national planning agenda. In this side event, we contemplate these and other issues relating to:

- Facilitating a better understanding of mainstreaming migration and how this translates from policy to implementation;
- The role of inclusive national partnerships and greater international cooperation.

I now hand over to my fellow co-chair, H.E Ambassador Hans Lunborg.