



**Statement by the First Secretary
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**“Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in
times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable,
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Excellencies,
Madam President,
At the outset, let me thank you for convening today’s Partnership Forum.

Madam President,

We stand at a point where the world is facing multiple challenges, including the adverse impacts of climate change, extreme poverty, food and energy crises, high indebt and the current alarming geopolitical tensions.

These challenges show the need for enhancing global, regional, national and local partnerships for sustainable development.

We are deeply concerned about the state of the climate crisis, in particular for SIDS and other low-lying States that are facing the severe impacts of climate change and other social related challenges and economic vulnerabilities.

Access to finance, in particular climate finance, remains crucial and amongst the priorities of SIDS to achieve sustainable development.

To contribute to reaching sustainable and resilient climate solutions we underline that Suriname, with a forest coverage of 93%, is one of the three carbon-negative countries in the world that has embraced a strong commitment to reduce its carbon footprint.

We recognize the urgency of addressing climate change and view our carbon-negative status as a responsibility to current and future generations.

Suriname will therefore continue to play its part in protecting the planet, including through engaging in strategic public and private partnerships that will contribute to remaining carbon negative for now and for the future.

Madam President,

We also acknowledge the eradication of extreme poverty for all people everywhere by 2030, which is also a pivotal goal of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Education is a fundamental human right and provides the conditions to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

In this regard strong and collaborative public and private partnerships is essential to leverage the benefits of technological advances to ensure an inclusive, accessible, transparent, safe and secure digitally transformative environment for all.

Work for skills development and the transfer of technology are crucial to bridge the existing digital gaps and are important to improve the economic and social conditions of our people.

Madam President,

Suriname believes that expanding bilateral strategic partnerships and bilateral cooperation between states can also help to resolve challenges that hamper economic growth and innovation, address the climate crisis, promote health security, eradicate poverty and ensure the long-term sustainability.

In conclusion, Suriname recognizes that in times of crises, peace and security form the bedrock upon which sustainable development can thrive.

It is only through enhanced global partnerships and development centered collaboration that we can ensure the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions that contribute to a planet that is livable for current and future generations.

Thank you.