



**Chairperson,**

My delegation is honored to be part of this important and auspicious

meeting. Swaziland is a small country with a population of about 1.1 million and does not have very large cities. However, as the country develops, it is equally affected by internal and international migration. Such movements have direct bearing on the speed at which urban areas

expand, thus the need for planning for sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration in the country.

Urbanization is a process that we cannot stop as the country develops. Currently, about 30 percent of the population in Swaziland lives in urban and peri-urban areas. Until recently, the country had two types of local

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Internal migration is sometimes exacerbated by uneven development due to lack of job opportunities in some parts of the country.

to other areas. Therefore, in order to address the challenge of uneven development, Government, has established a Regional Development Fund

Swaziland is also proud that some of the former refugees are now practicing professionals such as medical doctors, radiographers and teachers to name a few.

**Chairperson,**

Let me conclude by reaffirming the commitment of the Kingdom of