

FINANCING THE 2030 AGENDA

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Mr President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we begin the task of reconstruction in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, financing for development becomes all the more critical.

The overarching principle of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals is that we leave no country behind, and that those furthest behind receive our full support.

The pandemic has set back the SDG process, and we now require additional financial resources to enable developing economies to respond effectively not just to the pandemic but to recover and rebuild.

The challenges facing developing economies have been compounded by weak public health systems, limited social safety nets, high levels of inequality, high debt burdens, reduced tax revenues, capital outflows and lack of adequate and sufficient access to financial markets.

For Africa, financing remains crucial.

It is our hope that this platform will be used to accelerate the financing of the SDGs by the international community while recognising the different levels of development of countries.

Working together, it is within our means to eradicate poverty and inequality, achieve greater economic and social justice and conserve our natural world for future generations.

I thank you.