

Translated from French

Niger

Let me at the outset convey the warm greetings of His Excellency Issoufou Mahamadou, the President of the Republic and Head of State of Niger, and his Mr. Ban Ki Moon, we pay the tribute he deserves for his tireless efforts in organizing this conference.

assistance arising from a kind of weariness among the partners, very few opportunities are open to us to develop our infrastructure and our human capital, two factors that are essential to inclusive and sustainable growth.

Niger, which belongs both to the category of least developed countries and that of land-locked developing countries, is nonetheless undertaking sensible institutional reforms and bold actions in public finance, good governance, anti-corruption activities, public finances, and the fight against money laundering, graft and every kind of illicit traffic. Those efforts deserve to be properly recognized by the partners through increased resource allocation.

In any case, they will be continued, to improve the health of the business environment so as to encourage direct foreign investment and maintain a environment conducive to public-private partnerships (PPP), which are beginning to show convincing results, even though our preference still goes to official development assistance.

Finally, please be assured of my ardent wish to see our work through to successful conclusion, with the adoption of a negotiated document embodying specific, concrete commitments to financing for development.
