

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates

Currently, the Government of Tajikistan is implementing its National strategy for Development until 2030, the main purpose of which is to improve the well-being of the population through sustainable development.

In order to successfully solve a complex of issues, we have identified within the framework of the National Development Strategy until 2030 such strategic goals as ensuring energy independence, breaking the communication deadlock, ensuring food security and accelerated industrialization, without which achieving the SDGs seems impossible.

I would also like to note that the further development of hydropower and renewable energy sources are priority issues for Tajikistan.

Efficient use of water resources, which are becoming the most vulnerable due to climate change, plays an important role in achieving the SDGs. It is safe to say that much has been achieved in this regard within the framework of the International Decade “Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028”, in order to provide favorable opportunities for cooperation in the field of targeted use of water resources.

In its turn, the achievement of these goals requires the implementation of specific projects at the different levels. In this area, we consider as priorities an increase in efficiency of technologies, as well as digitalization of the vital spheres of the country.

Tajikistan, realizing the important role of scientific and technological progress, is taking appropriate measures to improve the legislative and institutional framework in order to use global trends to achieve sustainable development of the country.

In this regard, the Concept of the Digital Economy of Tajikistan and the Medium-Term Program for the Development of the Digital Economy in Tajikistan for 2021-2025 were adopted.

In addition, the Concept of e-Government Formation in the Republic of Tajikistan, the Laws "On Electronic Signatures" and "On Electronic Commerce" were adopted. These documents will regulate and ensure the smooth implementation of e-commerce operations.

We are confident that such initiatives, strategic documents and institutional changes have been adopted and are being implemented in all countries of the Asia and Pacific region. The joint development of these areas will allow achieving a sustainable synergetic effect within our region.

The implementation of these goals also requires the mobilization of the necessary funds, which is becoming increasingly problematic, considering the constantly changing international relations and emerging crises of various types in different regions of the world.

In this regard, deeper and expanded cooperation, as well as increased aid volumes, become an urgent need as an important component of digitalization and development financing. These circumstances require the revival and intensification of world trade and investment, which are the main engines of production growth, and accordingly the well-being of the people of the world.

We hope that the relevant United Nations and other international institutions, donor countries will render specific assistance and support to the developing countries for resolving these important problems.