



ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development

- General Debate -

Statement by H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianoschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

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Honorable Ministers,
Excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to join this august audience in discussing the progress, challenges and further needs for effective implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as an important framework for financing sustainable development and ensuring the achievement of the 2030 Agenda goals and targets.

The scale and the level of ambition of the 2030 Agenda requires the mobilization of all types of financial resources - internal and external, public and private to achieve sustainable development in all its three dimensions and ensure that no one is left behind.

It is encouraging to note that in 2017 most types of development financing flows increased and that there was progress across all the action areas of the Addis Agenda. We should harness this opportunity to accelerate our progress on SDGs implementation.

National ownership is important to ensure the mobilization of the resources needed to achieve the sustainable development goals. In this regard, the Moldovan Government has set short to medium term priorities which foresee improving business environment, attracting foreign direct investments (FDI), getting access to new markets and enhancing the dialogue and cooperation with the development partners.

In the third year of Addis Agenda implementation, the Republic of Moldova has made progress in creating a national enabling environment for sustainable development by, inter alia, improving business climate, establishing free economic zones throughout the country to attract foreign direct investments and expanding business support infrastructure.

Financial inclusion is critical to ensure the sustainable development of all. To that end, the Moldovan Government makes efforts to empower youth and women by developing programs supporting young people businesses and start-ups, as well as women-led enterprises.

Given the scale of the resources required to achieve the SDGs, development cooperation remains central to support the sustainable development of the Member States, in particular in the areas that require larger investments such as infrastructure development, renewable energy and sustainable industrialization.

In this context, it is encouraging to note that the international public finance has increased since 2015.

We equally note that the multilateral development banks and international financial institutions continue to step up efforts in support of the 2030 Agenda implementation.

The United Nations will have to play an important role in supporting Member States to implement Addis Ababa Agenda and achieve the SDGs. It is our hope that the ambitious reforms initiated by the UN Secretary-General, in particular the management and UN Development System reforms will better position the Organization to deliver the needed assistance and results at the national level in support of our efforts to achieve the sustainable development.

In conclusion, the stakes set by the 2030 Agenda are high, still they are achievable if the international cooperation is strengthened and the partnerships are extended. The Republic of Moldova joins the Outcome Document of the FFD Forum as an important impetus to spur the necessary financing to achieve the sustainable development for the benefit of the present and future generations.

Thank you.