

KEY NOTE ADDRESS

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AT

**THE 2ND WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT, DOHA, QATAR**

Your Excellences,

Your Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,
Amir of the State of Qatar

Your Excellency, Antonio Guterres the Secretary-
General of the United Nations,

The President of Economic and Social Council

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. It is my utmost privilege to stand before you today and bring you warm greetings from H.E, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and the people of the Republic of Uganda, the Pearl of Africa.
2. This social summit is happening after crucial global meetings including the SDG Summit in 2023, Summit of the Future in 2024 among others where we have re-committed ourselves to re-shaping the world we want.
3. It is also happening when the world is undergoing structural reforms where we are experiencing a shrinking Official Development Assistance and thus requiring developing Countries to rethink our development approach.
4. Dear Delegates, my Country Uganda hosted the eleventh Africa regional forum on Sustainable Development in April 2025. During the Forum, we noted that developing countries particularly in Africa still experience several social and economic inequalities in all key pillars of social-economic transformation and as such most African Countries are implementing transporative interventions
5. For example, the Government of Uganda is implementing several initiatives to foster income generation and improve standards of living for all. These include the implementation of the Parish Development

Model, which is targeting to move the 39% of Ugandans who are in subsistence production to money economy.

6. **Additionally**, following the national equal opportunities policy, the Uganda Government is implementing the social protection and empowerment programs like the Youth Livelihood Programme, Women Entrepreneurship Fund, Small Business Recovery Fund, Agricultural Credit Facility, and the Social Assistance Grants for the elderly among others.
7. Distinguished delegates, Uganda like many other Countries has come up with key commitments to accelerate sustainable development and ensure social inclusion. These commitments include strengthening trade financing and investments mechanisms, climate smart agriculture, Agro-Industrialisation and value addition, and Science, Technology and Innovation as a driver for sustainable economic growth for both women, youth and vulnerable groups.
8. As such, I urge the international community to continue supporting and promoting global and country-level policy space in Science, Technology and Innovation which is core to social inclusion.
9. Your Excellencies and distinguished Delegates, as we grapple with slow progress on both SDGs and social disparities, we must consciously address issues of financing. We should reiterate the call, for the reform of the global financial approaches to ensure favourable financing terms for developing countries since financing

is a major trigger for sustainable economic transformation.

10. That notwithstanding, the United Nations and other regional organisations like the African Union should continue to innovate initiatives and interventions that address abject poverty, improved household incomes and other social protection programs.
11. As the previous Chair of the G-77 and China and current chair of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), I re-echo, Uganda's urgent call for joint, and coordinated action-oriented efforts to strengthen multilateralism and harnessing the growing potential of South-South Cooperation and in, pursuing sustainable development in its three social, economic and environmental dimensions.
12. I wish all of us the distinguished delegates gathered here in Doha, fruitful and action-oriented deliberations.

Thank you.

For God and My Country