



PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN

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"HIGH LEVEL ROUND TABLE"

**LOOKING AT THE WAY FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF
THE CONFERENCE**

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Mr. Chair,

We have gathered today to ensure the full and timely implementation of the Future We Want. Our Governments have assumed a responsibility to provide enabling conditions for sustainable development at all levels. In this regard, we consider the respect for, promotion and protection of all human rights and the principles of good governance and the rule of law as fundamental. In addition, we are convinced that a predictable legal and social order based on the principles of equality and accountability will crucially contribute to sustainable development, greening economies and eradicating poverty. To ensure implementation of the Rio+20 decisions we have to learn a lesson from the Earth Summit and the Johannesburg Summit, which have only been partially implemented. We will need robust monitoring and review mechanisms for sustainable development policies and commitments both on a national and international level. The new Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development has live up to this expectation.

With its agenda 2020 the Liechtenstein Government has adopted a comprehensive long-term strategy to ensure sustainable development for our country in all three dimensions. In the environmental and economic fields Liechtenstein concentrates its activities and actions on climate protection and sustainable energy. The Liechtenstein Government has agreed to participate in a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and has pledged a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions between 2013 and 2020 of at least 20% compared to the level of 1990. The national climate protection strategy of 2007 will be updated and adapted to the new targets in the near future. Only a month ago the Liechtenstein Government adopted the Energy Strategy 2020. It aims at reducing Liechtenstein's energy consumption as well as the CO₂ emissions by 20% by 2020 and at increasing the share of sustainable energy from currently 8% to 20% by 2020. These commitments are key features of Liechtenstein's transition towards a green economy.

At the international level Liechtenstein has already provided climate fast-start financing with new and additional budgetary resources of close to 60 USD per capita from May 2010 to 2012. We pursue an active and successful public-private partnership in that regard.

In the social field Liechtenstein is committed to actively promote a just and inclusive society. New statistical indicators have been developed to measure and address inequalities in education opportunities and the distribution of earnings. Moreover, Liechtenstein is committed to reduce to zero gender-based inequalities in salaries and to actively promote equal pay for equal work.

Finally, we are convinced that the new registry of commitments that we have agreed to establish will serve both as an incentive and accountability mechanism for all relevant stakeholders and we look forward to submitting our pledges and learn about those of others.

Thank you