



## THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

FOREWORD TO THE 2016 REPORT OF THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE  
ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

In 2015, world leaders made ambitious commitments to transform the global economy, bring new opportunities to billions of people, and leave a healthier planet for future generations. Three critical milestones made the year 2015 a global landmark for sustainable development and international cooperation.

First, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda provides a new global financing framework to mobilize and deliver the resources, technology and partnerships needed for sustainable development.

Second, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development presents a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world, including 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

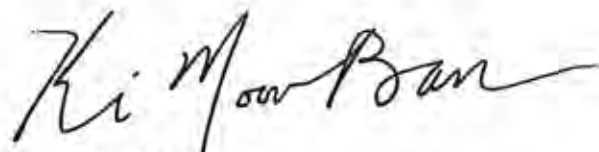
Third, the universal Paris Agreement on climate change marks a turning point in our response to one of the leading threats to stability and well-being.

Implementation will be the test of our commitment. Accurate and comprehensive monitoring of actions at all levels will be crucial for success.

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development, which I convened at the end of 2015, will strengthen the follow-up process by reporting annually on progress in implementing the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

This first report of the Task Force describes the comprehensive scope of the Addis Agenda, with high-level cross-cutting initiatives and additional concrete commitments across its seven action areas. It sets out the sources of data and evidence that will allow the Task Force to carry out its important work.

Now is the time to transform our global vision into tangible actions that improve the lives of people everywhere. I urge all partners across the world to embrace the ambition contained in the Addis Agenda and join forces towards its successful implementation.

  
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