

Rio+20

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Vos excellences,

Monsieur le Secrétaire général,

Mesdames, Messieurs,

Nous sommes réunis ici à Rio pour ne
délibérer de rien d'autre que le future que
nous voulons et le future dont nous avons
besoin. La devise de cette Conférence
reflète le fait que tout ce que nous
entreprenons ou omettons de faire
aujourd'hui aura des conséquences sur
notre future. Une société vit durablement
lorsqu'elle crée des bases solides pour les
générations futures.

Depuis Stockholm et Rio 92 nous avons fait des progrès notables dans de nombreux domaines. Mais le chemin est encore long pour réaliser le développement durable dans ses trois dimensions.

Une chose que nous devons améliorer, est la participation de secteurs non-gouvernementaux. Tous les acteurs doivent contribuer à trouver les solutions. Je vois dans cette conférence l'occasion, par exemple pour les milieux économiques et l'industrie, de renforcer leur implication dans ces efforts. De nombreux entrepreneurs ont déjà démontrés qu'ils étaient conscients de leurs responsabilités à travers leur engagement dans le Global Compact par exemple. D'autres

personnalités nous inspirent par leurs innovations techniques, qui permettront des solutions durables pour les besoins des générations futures.

We can reduce fossil energy. We can produce food, more food, while preserving the quality of our ground. Other technologies will help us to reduce pollution in our cities to improve the health of our children . Since 1992, the Swiss government has adopted four sustainability strategies. Focus areas were identified and concrete measures proposed for advancing the implementation of sustainable development. Also on the regional level, many strategies have been adopted. In 1999, my country also anchored

sustainable development in its constitution. Our experience has shown that sustainable development requires considerable investment, not only in terms of government policy, but also in terms of coordination instruments and institutions.

We also need effective and efficient international institutions. Both the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and the UNEP need to be reformed. Switzerland welcomes to replace the CSD with a high level forum on sustainable development. We also welcome the decision to strengthen UNEP through concrete measures such as universal membership of the UNEP Governing Council and developing an environmental strategy for the UN system.

It will be decisive to constructively and efficiently work together in making these decisions operational.

Switzerland welcome the fact that this conference has brought the Green Economy to the global political agenda. To green the Economy is an important process to support growth, to fight poverty by sustainable methods and ways. I am confident that we will use the outcome of this conference as a starting point for accelerating the transformation towards a Green Economy.

Last but not least, we very much welcome the commitment to establishing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) . We have provided the main elements of

the SDGS . It will be important to give clear guidance on the process for their detailed elaboration. SDGs will not only provide common orientation; they will also help us to make sustainable development relevant, practical and inspiring for all.

The outcome of this conference reflects many of these issues. However, it is clear that this is not sufficient. These small, however important steps are not enough to ensure the future that we want and that we need. We, the world leaders, the international community, each state, each actor, and each individual have to be more ambitious than the document on which we will agree.

With the growing population and the needs of our societies we have to act. In this regard I would have welcomed an explicit recognition of women's full enjoyment of reproductive rights.

We all know that some of the measures that should be implemented may not be popular, or create conflict of interests. I therefore call upon the big, powerful countries: we need you! We – as small countries – can not make alone a significant difference. As long as you stay apart, or vague in your commitments, others will not act. We need common action to reach the balance and to fight new inequalities. All of us have to contribute to the future we want and the future we need.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, I hope that we will return home from Rio more committed to collectively ensure that many future generations will be able to follow us on this beautiful planet.