

ROK would like to first thank Co-facilitators for providing and sharing a draft elements paper on the political declaration for the upcoming SDG Summit.

The element paper is an excellent basis to start our discussion.

ROK supports that the political declaration is concise, ambitious, action-oriented and transformative.

And ROK is pleased to see that the elements about the digital and climate change-related cooperation, which ROK proposed in the 1st informal meeting, is included in the paper.

Today, we would like to address one more important issue which, ROK thinks, should be included in 3rd part of the political declaration, but currently missing in the draft paper.

In ROK's view, ensuring access to energy, especially to clean energy is profoundly critical to implement and achieve not only Goal 7, but also Goal 13 of the SDGs by 2030.

Many have kept mentioning, and the most-up-to date science and data tell us that this decade is a critical decade to accelerate the implementation of climate actions and achieve SDGs goals, including 2030 climate targets of many countries. But, already more than 2 years have passed and only less than 8 years left towards the 2030 goal.

Considering that the implementation speed needs to be increased, clean energy technologies should play a key role to achieve the SDG goals.

Therefore, ROK would like to suggest, in particular, to include elements that will give a

clear and strong high-level political direction on clean energy technology cooperation through Δ knowledge and information sharing and Δ capacity-building activities.

To give some practical examples which could realize the clean energy technology cooperation, enhancement of Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)'s activities under the UNFCCC, which is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark or more focused utilization of Green Climate Fund (GCF) on clean energy technology cooperation could be referenced and included in the political declaration.

Co-facilitators, ROK hopes that the political declaration of SDG Summit this year will have a greater impact on the ground and makes substantive and tangible changes in the real world.

And we also believe that including clean energy technology cooperation-related elements in the political declaration will be useful and better guide the world to accelerate the implementation and ultimately achieve the SDGs in the remaining time of this critical decade.

I thank you.