



**Remarks by Ms Janet Rogan, UN Resident Coordinator  
at the Signature of the  
Zambia-United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework,  
Lusaka, Zambia, Thursday 19 November, 2015**

I am delighted to be here this morning to sign with Her Honour the Vice President the Zambia-United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework. This Partnership Framework will govern the work of the UN in Zambia in support of Zambia's sustainable development from January 2016 to the end of 2021.

I acknowledge the presence of the UN Country Team (or their representatives) which I have the honour to lead as Resident Coordinator, and on whose behalf I am signing the Partnership Framework today: UNDP, UNECA, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNHCR, UN Habitat, UNODC, UNESCO, WHO, ILO, WFP, FAO, IFAD, and IOM. I also acknowledge the presence of the World Bank, a close partner.

I am glad to greet senior government officials and technical staff here with us today. This Partnership Framework is the fruit of long hours of discussion over the last 18 months between the UN and government officials from all Ministries, led by staff now in this Ministry of National Development.

We are proud of our Partnership Framework. It fully reflects the high level of ambition of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 adopted by 193 Heads of State and Government, on behalf of the people they serve, in New York in September 2015. Under Agenda 2030 there shall be no discrimination in our collective attempts to achieve the simple and universal aspirations set out in the UN Charter. No complicated formulae to work out how many people should benefit, how many people should be 'above the line': quite simply, the leaders of the world have said no-one shall be left behind. That is now the job of all of us - governments and parliaments, the UN system and other international institutions, local authorities, civil society, academia, the private sector, and all people - younger, older, women, men. So, our Partnership Framework is particularly focused on the need to Leave No-one Behind and to reach the large numbers of people in Zambia who are still marginalised and vulnerable through poverty, discrimination, ignorance or prejudice.

This Agenda 2030, leaving no-one behind, will not be easy.. It is complex, cross-cutting and challenging, requiring the whole of government to come together to deliver substantive long-term transformation. There can be no picking and choosing from the 17 Sustainable Development Goals - they are universal, indivisible and transformative and all governments will need to bring all 17 global goals and targets down to the local level, reflecting national priorities and circumstances. The UN in Zambia will support the government in localising the Sustainable Development Goals into national planning.

Our Partnership Framework reflects the fact that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals are very different from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which they replace. The Sustainable Development Goals embrace the full spirit and intent of the UN Charter, which reached its 70th anniversary this year. They recognise that there can

be no economic and social advancement without peace and security; without the rule of law and access to justice; without true enjoyment of rights. So the Partnership Framework takes a strongly rights-based approach.

One rights-based theme that will run strongly through all our work under the Partnership Framework is the rights of women and girls. Next week Zambia will have the honour of hosting the first African Union Africa Girls Summit. Addressing discrimination, early marriage, child pregnancy, as well as physical, psychological and sexual violence against women and girls is not only key to achieving inclusive social and economic development, it is a sign of the basic humanity of a country and its people. Do we want to be seen as a country that tolerates, or even in some way encourages, this violence? It is not some abstract force that carries out these crimes of physical, psychological and sexual violence against our women and girls - it is just some men in our communities. We must strengthen the legal framework and ensure it is fully implemented. We must ensure that our law enforcement structures, including the police and prison services, receive the resources and the consistent policy support they need to enforce the law and bring perpetrators to justice. We must ensure our judicial system is well-structured and has the resources and the consistent policy support it needs to bring justice to victims and safeguard our communities from convicted perpetrators of violence. The UN in Zambia will strongly support this work.

Our Partnership Framework will also support inclusive and environmentally-sustainable economic development. Tomorrow (20 November) is Africa Industrialisation Day. This year's theme is "Small and Medium Enterprises for Poverty Eradication and Job Creation for Women and Youth". Although many countries in Africa, including Zambia, have seen significant economic growth in recent years, few have managed to match it with inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The private sector in Africa contributes around 80% of the continent's Gross Domestic Product and supports around 90% of all jobs. Small and Medium Enterprises have a pivotal role to play in inclusive industrial and economic development. Work under the Partnership Framework will support inclusive industrialisation, including in the agricultural sectors. The UN in Zambia is reaching out to the private sector and to youth in Zambia as new partners for sustainable development.

The UN is not a donor; we are Zambia's dedicated development partner - this is the sole reason for our being here, to support your sustainable development. The ambition and complexity of the Sustainable Development Goals challenge us all to move past 'business as usual' and the UN in Zambia is determined to do 'business unusual'. We are strengthening our ability to Deliver as One and to support a strong cross-government approach. This responds also to the government's determination to strengthen cross-government working which is seen in the establishment of the Ministry of National Planning under the Office of the Vice President. The UN in Zambia will give every support to the new Ministry and its work. The UN agencies operating in Zambia have today renewed their pledge to bring their individual mandates, technical expertise and resources together to provide their support within a single Joint Annual Work Plan for each year of the Partnership Framework. Collectively we will take a new investment approach for development priorities in Zambia.

Next week, world leaders will come together in Paris, for the Climate Change Summit (COP21) that will set the global agenda on environmental and climate change issues for the next fifteen years. I would like to congratulate Zambia for submitting its voluntary target for reducing carbon emissions ahead of the Summit. Zambia will launch its new strategy for Reducing Environmental Degradation and Deforestation at COP21. Zambia is losing forest at an alarming rate: an area the size of Zanzibar disappears every single year. If we don't act together on that now, in 50 years time there will be no forest cover left in Zambia. The UN in Zambia will continue to provide strong support to this work.

The Climate Change Summit will be the last chapter of an extraordinary year internationally. In this year, 2015, our leaders have committed us all to building a better future for all people, including the millions who have been denied the chance to lead decent, dignified and rewarding lives and to achieve their full human potential. In fifteen years time, when today's school children of 15 have become adults of 30, they will be looking to see how the world has been transformed. I am happy to say that there is a strong relationship between the UN in Zambia and the government and people in Zambia and we look forward to transforming Zambia together under our new Zambia-United Nations Sustainable Development Partnership Framework.

Thank you.