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Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am **deeply honoured** to take part in this **roundtable**, at a moment when the very **architecture of development cooperation** is under **pressure** — yet never more essential.

We meet here in **Seville** not merely to discuss a policy agenda, but to **reaffirm a collective responsibility**: to ensure that **development cooperation** serves as a **bridge between ambition and action**, between the promises made and the progress still awaited in many parts of the world.

For countries like **Guinea**, **development cooperation** is not an abstract concept. It is the **lifeblood of transformation** — enabling access to capital, know-how, and partnerships to shape the future we deserve. It is what allows us to **move from subsistence to sustainability**, from **fragmentation to integration**, from **vulnerability to value creation**.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The **Seville Outcome Document**, to that end, offers a **timely** and **ambitious roadmap**. But **ambition** must be met **with alignment**. And alignment must be met **with action**.

Among the priorities outlined in the **Outcome Document**, allow me to highlight three that resonate strongly with our experience and vision in Guinea:



* **Country Ownership and Alignment:** Development cooperation must begin with our national strategies, not bypass them. In Guinea, we are implementing the **Simandou 2040 Vision**, an **integrated** and **long-term plan** to diversify our economy, develop human capital, and build regional value chains. We call on our **partners to align their support** with this national ambition — not through scattered projects, but through programmatic, multi-year cooperation frameworks.

* **Catalyzing Private Finance:** ODA alone is not enough. We welcome the focus on using **concessional finance as a lever** to **unlock blended finance**, especially in critical areas like green infrastructure, agri-industrial transformation, and digital connectivity. In **Guinea**, we are seeing **promising models** through partnerships with institutions like UKEF and BADEA, and we need more of them.

* **Simplification and Harmonization:** Fragmentation kills effectiveness. We urge development partners to reduce duplication, streamline procedures, and adopt shared monitoring frameworks anchored in national systems. Our planning ministry must not become a coordination office for disconnected projects — we must be allowed to plan, lead, and deliver.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If we are serious about long-term impact, we must reform how development cooperation is conceived and delivered. Three shifts are essential:

* **From Donorship to Partnership:** We must abandon the logic of aid as charity. Development cooperation must become a platform for co-investment in shared priorities, rooted in trust, transparency, and mutual accountability.

* **From Input-Driven to Outcome-Oriented:** Projects must be judged not by the size of disbursements, but by the lives they transform. The focus must shift to results-based financing that rewards innovation, inclusion, and systemic impact.

* **From One-size-fits-all to Contextual Innovation:** The challenges of a landlocked Sahelian country are not the same as those of a small island state. Flexibility, agility, and tailored instruments are no longer luxuries — they are necessities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The **success of any architecture** depends on its **foundations**.

We believe that revitalized development cooperation must rest on three institutional pillars:

1. A **Global Compact for Development Effectiveness**, building on the Busan principles, but updated to reflect the realities of a polycrisis world. This should include commitments from all actors — donors, South-South partners, MDBs, and the private sector — to align with national development plans and report transparently on progress.
2. A **UN-led Monitoring Platform**, with the credibility and neutrality to assess whether development cooperation is delivering against SDG benchmarks.



This platform should be integrated into the High-Level Political Forum and linked to Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs).

3. A **Permanent Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Mechanism**, convened annually, where recipient countries can engage on equal footing with providers to address systemic bottlenecks, share innovations, and co-create solutions.

Let me conclude with a conviction: the future of development cooperation is not about doing more of the same. It is about doing better, together.

In Guinea, we stand ready — with clarity of vision, with the Simandou 2040 as our compass, and with a government committed to transparency, ownership, and transformative partnerships.

Let Seville be the place where we move from words to deeds — where we affirm that development cooperation is not a gift, but a strategy. Not a cost, but an investment. And not a story of the past, but a promise to the generations to come.

Thank you.