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*Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is a great pleasure for me to be able to address you here at the United Nations in Geneva.

Although my tenure as the President of the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly came to conclusion in September, today marks the culmination of many months of effort by my colleagues, member States, and the private sector to provide a practical tool to boost financing for the SDGs.

During my presidency, I made it my mission to find a useful and lasting solution to one of the most pressing questions around SDGs: how to combine public and private resources in a meaningful way.

I convened two meetings earlier this year to bring together the brightest minds from the private sector, member States, NGOs and experts from international organizations working on the issue of investment for sustainable development.

Participants represented a global spread of talent and ideas across a range of sectors, from banking to the protection of oceans. They presented many ideas and initiatives and proved that there is a wealth of momentum, talent and innovation. But it is often fragmented and undersold.

We realized that it needs to be in one place. So that people can share best practices and learn from each other. The result is the **website** that we are launching today: **financing for the SDGs**.

It provides a short introduction to the challenge of financing the development, and the modalities for mobilizing and channeling investment. Under each modality, users will find diverse examples of best practice in the public and private sectors.

These can inspire future action and offer countries a practical resource for mobilizing finance for their own SDG targets.

Before putting the website to live, I would like to express my sincere thanks to UNCTAD. Not only for participation in the meetings earlier this year and sharing their expertise, but for developing this website. As you can see, it is hosted by the UNCTAD World Investment Forum.

This venue gives the toolbox the largest possible audience.

But this is not the end of story. The toolbox is a living instrument. It is never finished. We can add to it - both in terms of content and functionality.

I hope the toolbox will further develop over time and become a lasting legacy of the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly that can help address some of the most pressing issues facing humanity.

*Thank you all.*

**Toolbox for Financing the SDGs available at:**

<http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/financing-for-the-sdgs/>