

**Statement**  
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Your Excellency Vice-President of Malawi,  
Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, and Ladies and Gentlemen;

I wish to thank the Government of Malawi and all partners for organizing this meeting and for inviting the Civil Society to share our perspective.

The main goal of the Istanbul Program of Action was to enable half of the least developed countries to meet the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

***Identify all obstacles***, because if obstacles are identified and then systematically addressed with precision, progress can be intensified very quickly.

To development partners, it is important that they ***support the hard work of capacity building***. And ***help in the development of good policies*** and ***action programs*** and also ***support in the execution***.

Knowing that the majority of the population in many African LDCs is made up of young people, so to achieve the sustainable