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Closing remarks

by

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Honourable Ministers,
Excellences,
Dear Researchers and Students
Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Government of Azerbaïdjan for inviting me to his important World Forum of Young Scientist, and for the warm hospitality I have enjoyed during these days. My appreciation also goes to you all for having participated actively in the discussion and for making substantial contribution on the role of young scientists in the global development agenda.

As Nizami Ganjavi, Azeri poet and philosopher said "*...be not without hope, for crystal rain falls from black clouds.*" The last three days has demonstrated just that. We have witnessed fresh and inspiring ideas springing out as crystal rain to curb the challenges for sustainable development. Your generation is indeed the hope and future of our humanity. The responsibility bestowed today upon your generation to explore new avenues that must lead us to a shared vision of peace and the common welfare of humankind, cannot be taken lightly.

Ladies and gentlemen,

During our discussions, I have noted three fundamental points:

First of all, technology transfer and scientific cooperation are key elements for building human solidarity. Best practices on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) need to be shared and cooperation between scientific centers of developed countries and developing countries must be promoted, as well as synergies and coherence between the existing national, regional, and global initiatives on research, development, and innovation.

Second, collective actions for a better future has to take into account the voices and priorities of youth through more participatory forms of consultation and governance.

Third, the potential of STI is critical for the achievement of key development objectives, notably to increase access to relevant scientific knowledge and data, promote green technologies, including renewable energies so as to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to address energy poverty, enhance health systems and enhance access to affordable medicines.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sustainable development implies to meet the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. Yet all too often, your aspirations are suppressed by unemployment, lack of opportunity, and exclusion from decisions that impact your lives.

UNESCO's action, through the efforts deployed by our Director General, Mme Irina Bokova, has been tackling these injustices, not only in the areas of skills development and technical vocational education, but also in science, technology and innovation.

The message of UNESCO is clear: there can be no sustainable development without progress in terms of knowledge, values and skills. Young scientists have a special role in the Post-2015 development agenda, which will depend essentially on knowledge in its forms, on the production, acquisition and use of knowledge. It is not because something is new that it cannot be tried.

Thank you

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