



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

(8th meeting) - Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges.

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Good afternoon, thank you for giving us the floor.

I am Alla Kuvatova, NGO New Panorama speaking on behalf of the Women's Major Group.

Yesterday we urged implementation of SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and to empower all women and girls. Keeping in mind that the SDGs work as an interlinking whole, today we urge you to recognise the benefits of ICTs in achieving SDG 5.

Over 250 million fewer women are online than men. We want to urgently address the gender gap in access to ICTs and to make sure and enable everyone, everywhere, has access to the same online resources and opportunities, including through addressing corporate control. ICT is specifically mentioned as a means of implementation with cross-cutting transformative potential, but it can't be effective without appropriate technology governance that prevents dangerous technologies

Technology is crucial to accelerate the implementation of the sustainable development goals and consequently the 2030 Agenda, but we also want to stress the importance of respecting traditional or informal knowledge systems and we want to see the use of

Science, Technology and Innovation in implementation of the 2030 Agenda, especially in achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls. The use of this potential is for ALL, not just for a few; women, men, girls and boys must be included! Right Here, Right now!

Thank you.