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Item 6: Application of the principles of effective governance for sustainable development at the subnational level.

Sustainable development goals focused initiatives and their progress monitoring are more relevant than ever in today's world. While the pandemic has imposed several obstacles in our journey towards achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs), it has also strengthened the collective resolve of nation states to realise them while '*leaving no one behind*'. When the world has charted the course to build-back-better after the global pandemic that has disrupted development progress on many fronts, it is crucial to embed the principles of effective governance for sustainability in the rebuilding efforts.

Lives have been lost therefore, resilience has to be built. Livelihoods have been impacted hence, sustainable jobs have to be created. Unless we build back sustainably, we leave it to fate to impede our hard-earned progress. The course ahead must be charted together, through a "whole-of-society" approach, built on partnerships with all stakeholders. The full realization of the sustainable development goals and other internationally agreed development objectives strongly depends on a common understanding of the basic principles of effective governance for sustainable development.

11, principles of effective governance for sustainable development at the subnational level. As these basic principles, apply to all public institutions, including the administration of executive and legislative organs, track progress in developed and developing countries against the same measures. They bring governments, private sector and civil society together in common pursuit. They provide an opportunity for all of us to join hands to improve the well-being of people and planet.

At the national level, local and regional governments are not systematically engaged in the policy debate, monitoring process and implementation levers. Strategic directions from the national level for the implementation of the SDGs can avoid a lock-in. This calls for a strengthened dialogue between different levels of government and greater policy coherence to develop and implement a shared vision for the future continued support is needed to scale up local action for the SDGs worldwide.