Session 6:
Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

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Outline

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ECO and ECO Region

- **ECO** is an *inter-governmental regional organization*
  - Established in 1964
  - Founding members:
    - Iran, Pakistan and Türkiye
  - Enlargement in 1992
    - Joining of Former Soviet Union Countries and Afghanistan
  - 8 million square km
  - 500 million inhabitants
  - 10 Member States: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Türkiye, Uzbekistan.
Overall SDGs Scores and Ranking of ECO Countries, 2023

Source: UN, 2023

* The ranking shows the rank of the respective country among 166 countries.
Progress in SDGs of the ECO Countries

Source: UN, 2023
ECO Vision 2025 and SDGs

• ECO Vision 2025 shares the targets of SDGs
• “Sustainability” is one of core principles of ECO Vision 2025
• HRSD Directorate established in 2006
  – In charge of issues covered under “Social Welfare and Environment” of the ECO Vision 2025
  – Sustainable Development is one of four priority areas
Main ECO Activities on SDGs

– Preparation of **Action Plan for Policy Coherence**

– Constituting **High Level Working Group**

– 1th Sustainable Development Forum

– SDGs Performance Index for the region

– ECO have been involved numerous activities, projects and meetings to contribute the realization of SDGs in the region.
Concluding Remarks

• Despite progress in some areas, there is still many challenges remaining for the region to achieve SDGs

• **For Regional cooperation in achieving SDGs**
  
  – Giving much more priority to SDGs
  
  – Sharing good practices and experiences through regional and international platforms
  
  – Action Plan for enhancing Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) in the region
  
  – ECO may play a significant role in creating synergies and improving cooperation and coordination between member countries to realize the SDGs.

• **Some Challenges in achieving SDGs in the Region**
  
  ✓ Lack of data
  ✓ Lack of sufficient financial sources
  ✓ Migration, poverty, climate change…
  ✓ Despite of rich natural resources lack of human capital
Thank you... 

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