

Mr President, your excellencies, ministers, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

My name is Noor al Thani and I am speaking on behalf of Qatar Sustainability network, the umbrella NGO from the Arab region.

I grew up in Qatar and I am proud that we were able to host all of you in my country.

We have a lot to do.

It is indisputable that developing countries have the right to develop. Developing countries have to ensure economic growth, whilst ensuring social equality, human well being, and environmental protection. It's an opportunity for developing countries to lead from the future. This requires ambitious financial support.

We have to learn from the mistakes the developed world made in the past, so we don't have to undo them.

We need partnerships between east and west, north and south, developed and developing world, arid and non-arid regions: Partnerships involving governments, industry, financial institutions, education, research and science. Partnerships which help us here to bridge the knowledge gap.

We welcome recent legacy projects in the region including the establishment of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Qatar. Research outcomes shall be made available freely to improve transparency.

Addressing Climate change is not only governments' responsibility. We encourage local and international media to upgrade its involvement and bring the Climate change agenda to every house, family and majlis.

Grassroots movements play an important part in climate change adaption and mitigation. To implement, we need public engagement and activism. This is starting and on Saturday we witnessed the first ever climate change march in Doha.

As part of the legacy of COP18, the first COP in the Arab region, we propose to every country to start a grassroots campaign to built capacity, create knowledge transfer and build social capital. Grassroots can take their own initiatives on the climate agenda and contribute actively to the momentum of change.

Every community, society and individual must be part of the solution.

And from the heart, I would like to say that we are responsible , each individual in the world is responsible.

If we see this, then we would be able to change. Lets **all** do something to change it to the better for all. Let us focus on tangible solutions. Let's do it here and now!

We don't have time to waste!

Thank you