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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations has the honour to transmit herewith the fifth Manama Declaration, entitled “Achieving the SDGs through fostering innovation and economic growth”, adopted at the World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum, held from 14 to 16 May 2024 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations kindly requests that the present note verbale and its annex be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 18.



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World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum 2024

Fifth Manama Declaration

Achieving the SDGs through Fostering Innovation and Economic Growth Manama – 14 to 16 May 2024

We, the participants of the 2024 World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum (WEIF) – i.e., policy makers, public and private stakeholders, and entrepreneurs from 84 countries – titled “Achieving the SDGs through Fostering Innovation and Economic Growth”, which is organized under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and which is concurrently organized with the 33rd Arab Leader Summit, have met in the Kingdom’s capital, Manama, from 14 to 16 May 2024. WEIF featured the Arab High-level Event themed “Entrepreneurship: Towards Empowering Persons with Disabilities and Productive Families”.

Taking into account the United Nations General Assembly Resolution [67/202](#) entitled “Entrepreneurship for Development”, the WEIF 2015 UNGA item 19 reference [A/69/748](#) that proclaimed the First Manama Declaration, all subsequent political statements that arose from previous WEIF editions, we recognize UNIDO’s vision and motto, “Progress by innovation”, as well as all the considerable achievements of previous WEIF editions that continuously promoted global best practices towards institutionalizing conducive ecosystems to nurture, develop, and strengthen entrepreneurs and innovators.

We now acknowledge the importance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group Report titled “Six Transitions: Investment Pathways to Deliver the SDGs”, which was published in September 2023, and which recognizes the ambitious nature of the SDGs as well as the need for an integrated approach to achieve them while emphasizing the crucial role of financial institutions and of the private sector’s active engagement. The Report further identifies six transitional entry points that can have a significant catalytic and multiplier effect across all SDGs, including (1) food systems; (2) energy access and affordability; (3) digital connectivity; (4) education; (5) jobs and social protection; and (6) climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

We herewith declare:

- We, the 2024 WEIF participants, urge the international community and all public and private stakeholders to facilitate and leverage the power of entrepreneurship and innovation in all economic and social dimensions as the central objectives of their national strategies towards achieving sustainable development - with a special emphasis on vulnerable groups, and especially women, youth, people with disabilities and productive families.
- We further call on the international community to promote and leverage promising new sectors such as the creative orange economy; embrace the digital transformation including artificial intelligence, and instill smart farming practices that would create jobs and attain economic development.
- We additionally call on governments, the private sector, academia, civil society, media, and international organizations as well as on all ecosystem operators to

cooperate in facilitating the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovative enterprises towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the outlook towards the year 2050.

- We finally call on the international community to end conflicts and extend swift support to women and youth in post conflict areas.
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