

**Statement by Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg
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Dear colleagues,

We are now tested with the consequences of three crises at once: A health crisis, an economic crisis, and an environmental crisis.

Transformative change is necessary both at home and abroad.

We need political will.

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We must do more, in partnership. As governments, private sector, academia, and civil society. We must work multilaterally - together.

We need equitable and fair distribution of vaccines. We need good health systems, social protection, and quality education.

We must fulfil our obligations in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. We must finance for development.

We should intensify our coordinated actions on debt-relief.

We need sustainable investments and jobs.

Joint political will and multilateral action is needed. The High-Level Panel on Sustainable Ocean Economy is one example of this.

The UN Food System Summit takes place in a few days. It needs clear political commitments to improve food systems and to end hunger.

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We all know development is not just a money issue: We must govern better. To address the pandemic, mitigate the crisis and ensure recovery.

We need to stop the leakage of resources to corruption and tax evasion.

We can and must strengthen accountability, transparency, integrity and inclusion for sustainable development.

Importantly; human rights, equality, and non-discrimination must be at the core of our efforts.

Norway is hosting a digital Global Disability Summit in February.

At the Oslo Summit we will seek concrete political commitments. Commitments to accelerate lasting inclusive development.

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Colleagues.

Norway presented our second Voluntary National Review at the High-Level Political Forum this year.

Norway scores high. But we have challenges.

Too many students are dropping out of school.

Gender-based violence and labor market disparities prevent full gender equality.

There is economic inequality between different groups in society.

Greenhouse gas emissions are decreasing. But Norway's high consumption generates waste and emissions in other parts of the world.

Therefore, we try to address our challenges with a new National Action plan for the 2030-agenda.

However, we cannot see our national actions separate from our global responsibility

It should be clear to us all:

We have a common future and common challenges.

We need political will both at home and abroad.

Then we can respond to these three crises effectively.