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“Building a shared future for all life”

Today on the International Day for Biological Diversity we recognize that biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build a shared future for all life and achieve sustainable development. To all of you watching and listening today, it is my great honour to celebrate your efforts and achievements to protect biodiversity.

Biodiversity is the web of life that connects us all. Without it, we cannot achieve the Sustainable Development Goals or solve urgent challenges including climate change, health, food and water security. When we conserve biodiversity, use it sustainably and share its benefits equitably, we get that much closer to building a shared future for all life on Earth.

This year the world is coming together to agree on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which will set global goals and targets to put biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030 at the latest. To be agreed upon in Kunming, China later this year, the framework must set the world on track for the full realization of the 2050 Vision of “Living in harmony with nature.”

This means effectively protecting more of the world’s land, freshwater and oceans, ensuring sustainable consumption and production, mobilising the necessary resources at all levels and ending harmful subsidies that damage the environment.

This also means ensuring that all actors are engaged in protecting nature.

Wherever you are in the world, every one of you matters – and every action you take matters.

Globally, we have seen a groundswell of action for biodiversity. Nothing fills me with more hope than seeing governments, community and business leaders, and ordinary people accomplishing outstanding work to shift away from activities that deplete biodiversity.

The post-2020 global biodiversity framework takes an “all hands-on-deck” approach: whole-of-society, whole-of-government, a true framework for all. It will be a framework for governments, for civil society, for businesses, for productive sectors, for banks, for farmers, for teachers, for students, for consumers, and for you.

I call upon each and every one of us to do our part. Protect the diversity of life we so depend on.

Happy Biodiversity Day.

