

Excellencies,
Mr. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC,
Distinguished Heads of UN entities,
Distinguished Colleagues,

At the outset, I would like to thank Executive Secretary Simon Stiell for the kind invitation to join this high-level event.

Indeed, adaptation is the foremost challenge facing the 3 «®ÿ - · most vulnerable nations.

National Adaptation Plans play a central role in identifying medium- and long-term adaptation needs, as well as developing and implementing strategies and programmes to address those needs for the LDCs and other developing countries.

The recently adopted Doha Programme of Action for the LDCs highlighted climate vulnerability as a major obstacle for the LDCs ; 0k ®° - °« š00¥ 2; - ± - °š¥ š> ; development.

The Doha Programme of Action called for the strengthening of resilience-building measures, including prioritizing adaptation and the preparation of national adaptation plans (NAP).

The financial situation in the LDCs and SIDS is

Thus, adaptation must be integrated across the new Programme of Action