Excellences, ladies and gentlemen, thank you for giving me this opportunity to address you today.

Almost a year ago, here in New York, the Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

One of the moments of the summit that stands out most clearly in my mind was when Malala looked down from the balcony in **the General Assembly[联合国大会]** hall and said:

“Leaders of the world – look up because the future generation is raising their voice”.

And this is what the 2030 Agenda is all about – transforming our world for future generations and leaving no one behind.

With the largest youth population ever, with 73.4 million young people unemployed globally in 2015, and with young women more likely to be underemployed and under-paid, the task ahead is immense.

Far too often, the incredible potential in the world’s youth population is wasted by extreme poverty, discrimination or lack of skills and information.

Skills development is a primary means of enabling young people to make a smooth transition to work.

Education and training can make the difference for youth between poverty and employment.