

Distinguished guests,

It is critical to focus on promoting regional cooperation in new and emerging technologies to achieve sustainable development in the region. As a developing country, Tajikistan as other countries in the region is facing a range of social and environmental challenges. However, we also have a large potential in all spheres of economy.

To unlock our full potential, we must harness the power of new and emerging technologies. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is rapidly transforming the global economy, and it offers opportunities for developing countries like Tajikistan to leapfrog traditional development pathways and achieve sustainable development through technological innovation.

However, in order to fully capitalize on these opportunities, it is essential to promote regional cooperation in new and emerging technologies. This means working together with our neighbors in Central Asia, as well as other countries in the region, to share knowledge, expertise, and resources.

One area of new and emerging technology that is particularly promising for Tajikistan is renewable energy. Tajikistan has abundant hydropower resources, which could be harnessed to provide clean, affordable energy for both domestic use and export to neighboring countries. By working together with our neighbors to develop regional power grids and energy infrastructure, we can achieve economies of scale and maximize the benefits of renewable energy.

Another area of new and emerging technology with great potential for Tajikistan is information and communication technology (ICT). ICT can help to improve access to education and healthcare, create new opportunities for entrepreneurship and employment, and improve governance and public services. By working together with our neighbors to develop regional ICT infrastructure and promote digital literacy, we can create a more inclusive and sustainable digital economy.

Finally, we must also promote regional cooperation in other areas of new and emerging technology, including artificial intelligence, blockchain, and nanotechnology. By working together to share knowledge and expertise, we can build capacity and create new opportunities for sustainable development.

In conclusion, promoting regional cooperation in new and emerging technologies is critical for Tajikistan's sustainable development. By working together with our neighbors in Central Asia and other countries in the region, we can harness the power of technology to create new opportunities for economic growth, social development, and environmental protection. This requires a concerted effort from government, the private sector, and civil society, and a commitment to working together to achieve our common goals. Thank you.