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## PREFACE

We are pleased and proud to present the "First International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs-Re Thinking Rural Development For Achieving Sustainable Development Goals - 2023." This book summarizes the collective wisdom, knowledge and innovation that emerged from our inaugural conference, a testament to our unwavering commitment to creating a more sustainable and just world. The Sustainable Development Goals, conceived by the UN as a universal call to action, embody our shared aspirations for a future where no one is left behind. The conference we held earlier this year was an extraordinary gathering, where experts, policy makers, scholars, activists and practitioners from all over the world gathered to discuss, debate and consider the important issues outlined in the SDGs.

At this conference, there were research and service papers carried out by several researchers from various institutions and universities, which were presented in parallel oral sessions. In addition, the committee also presented four keynote speakers, namely Prof. Drs. Slamim, M.Comp.Sc., Ph.D (University of Jember; Indonesia); Lewis Chong, MBA (President of Business Network International; Singapore); Abdul Rahman S.A., RSW., MSSW (Cotabato State University; Philippines); Prof. Dr. Mohd Nor Hakim Bin Yusoff (University Malaysia Kelantan; Malaysia); Zamal Nasution, Ph.D (President of AAMI-Mahidol University; Thailand); Boualaphiane Sisouk, Ph.D (National University Of Laos; Laos).

We also thank the organizing committee, volunteers and sponsors who played an important role in making the 1st SDGs International Conference 2023 a success. Your tireless efforts and support have laid the foundation for future conferences and initiatives that will advance sustainable development. As we launch this process, remember that this is not just a record of our past accomplishments but also a blueprint for the future. The knowledge and insights contained in these pages are powerful tools that can guide our actions, policies and strategies as we continue our journey towards a world where all people can thrive in harmony with our planet.

We invite all of you to explore the contents of this book with an open heart and commitment to transformative change. Let it be a source of inspiration, a reference guide and a catalyst for action as we work together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Thank you for joining us on this important journey, and we hope that the "First International Conference on SDGs 2023" can be a source of hope, inspiration and actionable solutions in our collective efforts to create a better world. We hope to see you all again in the next conference.