

PM of Lesotho

Madame Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, the Kingdom of Lesotho is honored to contribute to this important discussion on building trust and social cohesion, a theme that lies at the heart of peaceful coexistence and sustainable development. As a nation founded on shared identity, community values, and respect for human dignity, Lesotho remains committed to strengthening the structures that unite our people and enhance peaceful coexistence. In recent years, Lesotho has undertaken significant constitutional and legislative measures to enhance social cohesion, including reforms aimed at improving access to justice, expanding inclusive education, and strengthening community-level dialogue mechanisms that promote tolerance and mutual understanding. These efforts have allowed us to address emerging tensions early, foster constructive engagement and reinforce trust in public institutions. We however acknowledge that challenges still persist. Socio-economic disparities, geographical isolation of rural communities, and limited access to information continue to create barriers that can undermine peaceful coexistence. Climate-related pressures digital divides and further risk exacerbating vulnerabilities if not addressed comprehensively. Lesotho therefore welcome's the Forum's focus on identifying practical solutions to overcome these barriers. We stand ready to work with partners to remain committed to inclusive governance, promotion of equitable access to services, and to ensure that every person, regardless of background, feels valued, heard and protected. I thank you.