



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

I have the distinct honour to invite you to the 2022 **in-person** session of the United Nations high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), which will be convened from **5 to 7 July and 11 to 15 July 2022**, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the final day of the high-level segment of ECOSOC on **18 July 2022**, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The three-day ministerial segment of the forum will be held from **13 to 15 July 2022** jointly with the high-level segment of the Council.

The HLPF has reviewed progress at the global level in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015. The theme for the HLPF in 2022 will be ***“Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”***.

The forum will thus take stock of the impacts of COVID-19 on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provide political leadership, guidance and policy recommendations on how to advance the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda during the Decade of Action and Delivery, as part of ensuring sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from the pandemic.

The HLPF in 2022 will also conduct an in-depth review of Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. The forum will take into account the different and particular impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all SDGs and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals. The forum will also start to discuss the preparations of the 2023 SDG Summit.

Forty-five countries will carry out Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The high-level segment of ECOSOC will discuss multilateralism and international cooperation in relation to sustainable recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. It will also deliberate on future trends and scenarios related to the Council theme, the long-term impact of current trends on the realization of the SDGs.

I wish to encourage Member States to be represented at ministerial level in the various parts of the HLPF. I encourage the active participation of Ministers from all relevant fields across the three dimensions of sustainable development to bolster the discussions, share experiences and lessons and provide policy guidance on the way forward for building back better from COVID-19.

It is my wish that the meeting of the HLPF and High-level Segment of ECOSOC be held with strong in-person participation and, in order to make full use of the meeting hours, it will only be possible to hear a very small number of virtual interventions from invited speakers.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York

I will inform you immediately if the health conditions in the New York city area or various organizational issues make it necessary to revert to a hybrid format for the meeting, which would have implications for the programme.

There will be the opportunity for Member States to intervene, share their experience or ask questions in the course of the various panel discussions and sessions as well as during the VNR sessions and the session on the reporting from the regional forums on sustainable development.

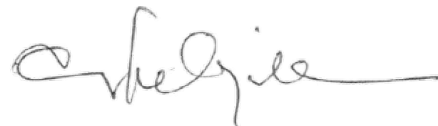
The HLPF will be accompanied by an unofficial part as every year with side events, VNR labs, special events and exhibitions that will be still held virtually this year. Applications for side events and exhibitions opened on 4 April and will close on 31 May 2022 at the 2022 HLPF website (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf#hlpf2022>).

The programme of the forum is attached, while an information note will be circulated in due course. The Secretariat's concept note is available at the [2022 HLPF website](#).

For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic (zubcevic@un.org) or Ms. Ling Wang (wang24@un.org) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

I look forward to the active participation of your Government at the HLPF and HLS of ECOSOC and thank you for your support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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President of ECOSOC