



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 March 2017

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 1 March 2017, from H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia and H.E. Mr. Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina, Co-Facilitators to lead consultations aimed at enhancing synergies and coherence and reducing overlap in the agendas of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The co-facilitators will hold an open meeting with Member States and other relevant stakeholders on Monday 6 March 2017, at 3:00 p.m, in Conference Room 1.

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

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Peter Thomson

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



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Australia and Argentina, as the Co-facilitators to lead consultations on enhancing synergies and coherence between the work of the General Assembly and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, will hold an open meeting with Member States, UN stakeholders and civil society on Monday 6 March 2017 at 3pm in Conference Room 1.

Since our first meeting on 7 February 2017, we have undertaken informal consultations with number of Member States, groups and interested stakeholders. We greatly value to have as many consultations as we can since we hope to have an open and interact process.

At the 6 March meeting we will provide an update on our consultations, and seek further views. To facilitate discussion we have set out the following questions for your consideration ahead of the meeting:

1. How can we encourage the General Assembly Committees, the ECOSOC main segments, and the ECOSOC Functional Commissions to combine their efforts in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?
2. How can the General Assembly Committees coherently embody the 2030 Agenda into their mandates and agendas? How can we improve their interaction?
3. How can our process take into consideration other reform initiatives in the General Assembly and in ECOSOC as well as implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, and the efforts of the Secretary-General?

We look forward to hearing views on 6 March.

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

Gillian Bird
Australia

Martin Garcia Moritan
Argentina

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson
President of the 71st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations
New York