



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 July 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a memo from my meeting on 6 July 2017 with the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations in New York, as part of commitment to strengthen collaboration and coordination between the principal organs of the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To all Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

## Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council on Thursday 6 July 2017

The President of the General Assembly, H.E Mr Peter Thomson met with the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E Amb. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava as part of continued efforts to strengthen relations between the principal organs of the United Nations and ensure close collaboration and coherence in the work of the General Assembly and ECOSOC. The meeting provided a useful opportunity to discuss and provide updates on the following issues and upcoming events:

Oceans Conference: The President of ECOSOC congratulated the PGA on the successful organization of The Ocean Conference. The conference had provided much needed momentum for the implementation of SDG14. The GA Plenary had just that morning adopted the "Call for Action" outcome from the conference and preparations were underway for the HLPF presentation on SDG14 implementation.

2017 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and ECOSOC High Level Segment: The President of ECOSOC gave a detailed update on preparations for the Forum. Among other things, he informed the PGA that consultations on the Political Declaration were on-going. He also informed that 70-80 Ministers were expected to attend the HLPF and an unprecedented number of stakeholders had registered to attend.

PGA's SDG Action Event on Education: The President of ECOSOC received an update on the PGA's Action Event on Education held on 28 June. Besides participation from Ministers, young people and other stakeholders, more than 500,000 people had followed the event on You Tube and Facebook Live.

Adoption by the General Assembly of Indicator Framework for the SDGs: The General Assembly had adopted the global indicator framework for the SDGs which had been earlier agreed by the ECOSOC in June, representing a very significant step forward in the monitoring of the 2030 Agenda's implementation.

Events during the HLPF: The PGA and the ECOSOC President reviewed preparations for the PGA/President of ECOSOC joint High Level Luncheon to be held on 17 July on "*Investing in adolescents and youth to eradicate poverty and promote prosperity to realize the demographic dividend and achieve the 2030 Agenda.*" During the HLPF, the PGA would also co-convene with co-chairs of the Group of Friends of SDG Financing a Ministerial breakfast on sustainable finance, which would follow a series of initiatives by the PGA on financing the SDGs undertaken during the 71<sup>st</sup> session.

Conclusion of tenure of ECOSOC President: The ECOSOC President informed the PGA that he would conclude his term on 27 July 2017. The PGA praised Ambassador Shava for his wise leadership, firm commitment and for successfully guiding the work of ECOSOC.

Continued Collaboration: Both Presidents acknowledged the importance of regular meetings and were in agreement on the importance of continuous dialogue and timely exchange of information between the two high offices.