Inga Rhonda King, President
Geneva, 13-14 September 2018

The President of ECOSOC spoke at the Human Rights Council on the High-level Political Forum (HLPF)

Following the historic adoption of the Human Right Council resolution 37/25 in March this year, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) President Inga Rhonda King briefed the Human Rights Council on 14 September on the discussions at the 2018 High-level Political Forum (HLPF). She underscored that “building the linkages and synergies between the Human Rights Council and the High-Level Political Forum is more crucial than ever, if we are to ensure a more integrated and transformative approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and realizing human rights”.

Speaking as the first President of ECOSOC to address the Human Rights Council since its creation in 2006, she expressed appreciation for the work of the Human Rights Council in support of the implementation of 2030 Agenda and underscored that “Together we must strive to ensure that economic, social and cultural rights are respected and the 2030 Agenda is being implemented”.


**The President of ECOSOC meets UN High-level Officials in Geneva**

During her trip, Ambassador King also had an opportunity to share her vision and explore possibilities for further collaboration in her meetings with UN officials, including the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO); Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO); and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG); as well as the Vice-Chair, Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

*The ECOSOC President Inga Rhonda King with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet – © UNOG Photo*

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Next week
The 73rd session of the General Assembly of the United Nations begins its high-level week, with the General Debate starting on Tuesday.