

## UN @ 70 – A New Commitment to Action

### **High-level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**

**21 April 2016**

*Climate change*

Governments reached agreements on both climate change and sustainable development in 2015, lining up 2016 to kick-start deep synergies in implementation of the Agenda 2030, the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. This Debate will seek to answer the questions of “how” to build from the baseline of the Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda by identifying needed climate actions, “how” climate action may inspire and catalyse action on other SDGs and “who” may be essential to drive these synergies forward.

#### **Meeting objective**

Build on the Paris Climate Agreement to highlight how climate action supports Agenda 2030 and can do so even more going forward in exploring synergies and complementarities between the development and climate Agendas.

#### **Format**

This session, over a reception, will highlight a series of keynote speakers and encourage interactive discussion among high-level participants from Member States and other relevant stakeholders.

#### **Focus**

The successful Sustainable Development Summit in New York and COP21 in Paris affirms the unparalleled value of multilateralism in meeting global challenges and shaping the future we want. Moving forward, the full implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda and the Paris Agreement calls for a strengthened synergy at all levels, the promotion of international cooperation and concrete actions and initiatives that enhance resilience, build low carbon economies, incentivize investment and mobilize appropriate support, Governments policies and other public entities for people, planet and prosperity.

The climate reception will offer a space to celebrate the recent successes of the international community and highlight where synergies and shared opportunities between the climate and the development Agendas can more fully advance both agendas, through a genuine exchange of views between Government representatives as well as other relevant stakeholders, including from the UN system, private sector and civil society.

#### **Question for discussion**

How can synergy be fostered at all levels, including national and local levels in implementing the SDGs framework and the climate Agreement, through appropriate national policies and plans, including the INDCs as well as the creation of enabling environments for investments and the promotion of multi-stakeholder action?