



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

As you will recall, at the outset of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly, I pledged to dedicate the session to creating a push for momentum on implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. I also pledged to report back to the Member States at the end of the session on progress made.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I invite you to join me on 8 September 2017 for a half-day informal meeting of the General Assembly focussed on the status of SDG implementation in general and the outcomes and conclusions of my strategy in particular.

At the kick-off of the session, I outlined a series of actions that my Office would undertake to strengthen the momentum on SDG implementation. During the course of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session, in addition to the SDG initiatives mandated by the General Assembly, I convened five SDG Action Events and engaged with high-level decision-makers in government, business, academia and civil society, as well as innovators and educators in support of the SDGs.

The objective of this informal dialogue will be to take stock of the broader SDG implementation efforts undertaken during the course of the year, and to provide Member States the opportunity to exchange views and reflect on the results achieved.

Specifically, the meeting will seek to address the following:

- Progress made in implementing the SDG strategy for the 71<sup>st</sup> Session.
- Overview of the overall progress and achievements by the UN Development System, World Bank Group, IMF and others in response to the SDGs.
- How collaborative platforms can more effectively implement and accelerate the delivery of the SDGs through global, regional and country initiatives.

The meeting will consist of an opening segment and an interactive panel discussion during which the moderator will engage Member States and other stakeholders so as to ensure that the widest range of views possible are shared. The meeting will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10am – 1pm.

Please note that I have invited senior leadership from both the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions to join me at the event.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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Permanent Observers of the United Nations  
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