



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 March 2018

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 70/262 and Security Council Resolution 2282 (2016) on the review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture, I will convene a high-level event on efforts undertaken and opportunities to strengthen the United Nations' work on sustaining peace in April 2018.

In this light, I have the honour to convey the enclosed logistics note of the High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace, to be held on 24 and 25 April 2018 in the United Nations Headquarters.

The concept note for the event will be circulated to all Member States and Permanent Observers to the United Nations and made available on the President of the General Assembly website (www.un.org/pga/72) in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace 24 and 25 April 2018

Organizational Arrangements

<https://www.un.org/pga/72/event-latest/sustaining-peace/>

The President of the United Nations General Assembly will convene a High-Level Meeting on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace on 24 and 25 April 2018, with the aim to assess efforts undertaken and opportunities to strengthen the United Nations work on peacebuilding and sustaining peace. The High-Level Meeting will be an occasion for participants from government, civil society, including women's groups and representatives of the youth, the private sector, regional and sub-regional organizations and the academia to discuss ways to support and promote sustaining peace.

Programme and participation

The High-Level Meeting will commence on Tuesday, 24 April 2018, with an opening and a high-level segment from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. It will be followed by a high-level lunch, from 1:15PM to 2:45PM at the United Nations Delegates Dining Room (4th floor of Conference Building). A high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, where Member States will be able to deliver their statements will take place from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

During the two-day meeting, four interactive dialogues will be held in parallel to the high-level plenary meetings. On 24 April 2018, two interactive dialogues will be held in the ECOSOC Chamber from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. On 25 April 2018, the plenary debate will continue for the full day and another two interactive dialogues will take place in the ECOSOC Chamber from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. The dialogues are designed to be informal and interactive in nature. They will be open to Member States and civil society representatives, private sector, regional and sub-regional organizations and UN entities.

Opening and High-Level Segment

The opening and high-level segment will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on 24 April 2018. Opening remarks will be delivered by the President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, followed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. António Guterres. Civil society, including women's groups and representatives of the youth, and special guests are also expected to share their experience with peacebuilding and their views on the best practices as to how to make peace last. The General Assembly will hear the views of Heads of State and Government as part of the high-level segment.

Member States and Observers of the General Assembly will follow the General Assembly seating protocol and each delegation of Member States will have six seats in the Hall.

Civil society participants with valid UN grounds passes can join the opening on the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall. Participants that do not have valid UN grounds passes will need to obtain a Special Events Ticket that will allow them to enter the UN Headquarters and the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall. For details on how to request and receive a special events ticket, please see the ticket section in below.

Conference room 11 will serve as an overflow room with the meeting livestreamed. Interpretation will be provided only in English in Conference 11.

High-Level Lunch

A high-level lunch with the theme “Sustaining Peace: A New Approach to Peace” will be hosted by the President of the General Assembly at the Delegates Dining Room (4th floor of Conference Building) from 1:15PM to 2:45PM on 24 April. Heads of State and Government, Ministers, Special Guests, Speakers in the four interactive dialogues, and senior officials of the United Nations will be invited to the lunch. Participants will receive an invitation at a later stage.

For any inquiries, please contact the focal points of the high-level lunch, Ms. Elif Caliskan at +1 212 963 6431 or by email: elif.caliskan@un.org and Mr. Mateus Luemba at +1 917 367 3687 or by email: luembam@un.org.

Plenary Meeting

Statements will be delivered by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly. The list of speakers will be opened on 24 March 2018, a month in advance of the High-Level Meeting. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of plenary meetings of the General Assembly are kindly requested to do so through the e-delegate portal available at <http://delegate.un.int>. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of the established practices of the General Assembly and be made available prior to the meeting.

Delegations participating in the plenary meeting will follow the usual General Assembly rules of procedure. To allow maximum participation, Member States are encouraged to limit their statements in the plenary meeting to three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

PaperSmart Services will be available for this meeting. Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Civil society participants with valid UN grounds passes can join the plenary meeting on the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall. Participants that do not have valid UN grounds passes will need to acquire a Special Events Ticket that will allow them to enter the United Nations Headquarters and the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall. For details on how to request and receive a special events ticket, please see the ticket section below.

Interactive Dialogues

Four interactive dialogues will take place at the ECOSOC Chamber in parallel to the plenary meeting. The first two interactive dialogues will run successively in the afternoon of 24 April, from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, and the last two interactive dialogues will run in the same manner in the morning of 25 April, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. The themes of four dialogues are as follows:

- I: Sustainable Financing for Peace (24 April, from 3:00PM to 4:25PM)
- II: Strengthening the United Nations Work on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in the Field (24 April, from 4:35PM to 6:00PM)
- III: Strategic Partnerships with the United Nations for Peace (25 April, from 10:00AM to 11:25AM)
- IV: UN Comprehensive and Integrated Approach to Peace (25 April, from 11:35AM to 1:00PM)

Each interactive dialogue will be comprised of four speakers, one moderator and one special guest as a respondent from the floor. The panel discussion is expected to last 30 minutes, after which the floor will be open for interventions. The speakers are chosen for their expertise in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, taking into consideration regional and gender representation. Each speaker will have 5 minutes to share their perspective on the theme, and interventions from the floor will be up to 2 minutes.

Delegations will be seated freely and are therefore advised to arrive on time. Please note that ECOSOC Chamber seating arrangement does not allow for 1+1 for all delegations.

Civil society participants with valid UN grounds passes will find available seats in the ECOSOC Chamber through its third-floor entrance at the Conference Building. Civil society participants that do not have valid UN grounds passes will need to acquire a Special Events Ticket that will allow them to enter the United Nations compound and the ECOSOC Chamber from the third floor of the Conference Building for the interactive dialogues. For the details on how to request and receive a special events ticket for the interactive dialogues, please see the ticket section below.

Conference Room 11 will serve as an overflow room with the meeting livestreamed. Interpretation will be provided in English only in Conference Room 11.

Closing segment

The closing segment is expected to take place in the General Assembly Hall from 5:30PM to 6:00PM on 25 April 2018. After a summary of the discussions held at the interactive dialogues, the President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, will deliver remarks and close the High-Level Meeting.

Member States and Observers of the General Assembly will follow General Assembly seating protocol and each delegation will have six seats in the Hall.

Civil society participants with valid UN grounds passes can join the closing segment on the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall. Participants that do not have valid UN grounds passes need to obtain a Special Events Ticket that will allow them to enter the United Nations compound and the 4th floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall. For details on how to request and receive a special events ticket, please see the ticket section below.

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Registration of official delegations

Registration of official delegations and members of the parties of Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses will be carried out by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions and offices are required to submit their accreditation requests by using the existing online e-Accreditation system, available through the e-Delegate portal at <https://delegate.un.int>. Delegations wishing to obtain information on the system may refer to the updated “Guidelines on eAccreditation” and “Frequently asked questions” sections posted on the Protocol and Liaison Service website (<http://protocol.un.org>).

Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents, Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses will be offered VIP passes without photographs. Deputy Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers and their spouses will be provided with VIP passes with photographs.

Special Events Ticket (civil society only)

Stakeholders without valid UN grounds passes can apply to participate in the meeting through the following link by 18 March 2018 for speaking roles from the floor or 30 March 2018 for attending:

<http://bit.ly/24-25-April-PGA-Peace-Apply>

Once the applicant has received a confirmation email, he or she should expect to receive a further email with details on time, date and location at which the special events ticket is to be collected.

With special events tickets, participants are allowed to enter the United Nations compound through the visitor entrance at 46th Street and 1st Avenue one hour prior to the event, the earliest.

Please note that a government issued photo ID is required (1) to receive the events ticket and (2) to enter the United Nations compound for security purposes. Early arrival before 8:00 am on first and second day of the event is recommended to ensure enough time for the mandatory airport standard security screening before entering the compound.

For any questions or in case of an emergency, the focal point for the special events ticket is Nikola Ivezaj, to be reached at +1 212 963 6462, or by email: nikola.ivezaj@un.org.

Side Event Organization

Member States are encouraged to host side events on various topics related to peacebuilding and sustaining peace and should contact Meetings Management Section to request detailed instructions via email at emeetsm@un.org or call + 1 212 963 8114.

Media and Accreditation

Media are welcomed to cover all open segments of the High-Level Meeting and press encounters, in accordance with the United Nations media accreditation procedure. The accreditation for the High-Level Meeting closes on 20 April 2018.

The information on press encounters can be found at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) website, under Media Alert (<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml>). For any other media inquiry other than accreditation, please contact the spokesperson of the President of the General Assembly Brenden Varma at +1 212 963 7238 or email at brenden.varma@un.org.

Regarding accreditation, media accompanying Heads of State or Government or Heads of Delegation, including official photo and video, must request media passes in advance through the eAccreditation system on the e-Delegate portal: <https://delegate.un.int/>. Media members who wish to apply independently should follow the instructions at: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml>.

All members of the media, with valid pass, will be escorted to designated media booths or seating areas in all meeting venues by MALU. Questions or concerns should be directed to MALU at malu@un.org or 212-963-6934.

Follow the Meeting Online

Webcast: The High-Level Meeting, including the opening segment, the high level segment, the plenary meeting, four interactive dialogues and the closing segment will be officially livestreamed through United Nations webcast at <http://webtv.un.org>.

Social Media: The official hashtag of the meeting is #peace72. Additional information on the High-Level Meeting will be disseminated via Twitter @UN_PGA and the official website of the PGA <https://www.un.org/pga/72/event-latest/sustaining-peace/>.

Non-official language interpretation:

Statements made in any of the six official languages are interpreted into the other official languages. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide either an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language, or a written text of the statement in one of the official languages to be read out by a United Nations interpreter. On the basis of this interpretation or the written text which is accepted by the Secretariat as representing the official text of the statement, it will be interpreted into the other official languages by United Nations interpreters.

When a written text is provided, the delegation concerned should make available to the interpreter someone who knows the language in which the statement is to be delivered and the official language into which it has been translated, to guide the interpreter through the translated text and to ensure synchronization between the speaker and the interpreter.

Detailed arrangements for interpretation from non-official languages, including access by non-United Nations interpreters to the interpreter booths in the General Assembly Hall, must be made in advance through the Meetings Management Section (telephone: + 1 212 963 8114; e-mail: emeetsm@un.org). The interpreter or the guide provided by the delegation should be brought by the delegation to the conference officers' desk at the front of the General Assembly Hall 30 minutes prior to the delivery of the statement.