18 April 2018

Excellency,

With reference to my letter dated 6 April 2018 transmitting the provisional programme of the 2018 Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature during the commemoration of International Mother Earth Day to be held on 23 April 2018 in the ECOSOC Chamber, I have the honour to inform you that the opening session of the Interactive Dialogue will begin at 10.30 a.m.

The revised programme of the Interactive Dialogue is attached herewith for your information.

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

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HARMONY WITH NATURE
IN COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

Theme: Earth Jurisprudence in the Implementation of Sustainable Production and Consumption Patterns in Harmony with Nature

UNHQ, New York, Monday 23 April 2018, ECOSOC Chamber

PROGRAMME

Morning Segment

10:30 – 11:15 OPENING SESSION

- Address by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly
- Address by H.E. Mr. Sacha Sergio Llorentty Soliz, Permanent Representative of Bolivia
- Address by H.E. Mr. Diego Morejón-Pazmiño, Permanent Representative of Ecuador
- Address by H.E. Ms. María Emma Mejía Vélez, Permanent Representative of Colombia
- Address by H.E. Mr. Syed Akbaruddin, Permanent Representative of India
- Address by H.E. Ms. Sirpa Pietikainen, Member of the European Parliament (VDO message)
- Address by H.E. Mr. Benedik Javor, Member of the European Parliament (VDO message)
- Address by Ms. Doris Ragettli, Rights of Mother Earth Global Campaign
- Address by Mr. Pablo Angulo-Troconis, World Federation of UN Associations

11:15 – 12:30 TECHNICAL SEGMENT: The panelists and ensuing dialogue will discuss how the legal and economic frameworks of Earth Jurisprudence impact the implementation of sustainable production and consumption patterns in Harmony with Nature.

Moderator: Craig Kauffman, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon

Panelists:
- Mr. Roberto F. Caldas, Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (VDO message)
- Ms. Laura Movilla Pateiro, Expert on International Water and Environmental Law, Spain
- Mr. Jorge Calderón, Environmental Advisor, Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- Ms. Juliana Braz, Member of Instituto Chão, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Ms. Kathryn Gwiazdon, Executive Director, Center for Environmental Ethics and Law, Deputy Chair, Ethics specialist group, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and Governance Association

12:30 – 1:00 Moderated dialogue with multi-stakeholder panelists, followed by Q&A from Member States, UN organizations and stakeholders

1:00 – 3:00 LUNCH BREAK
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PROGRAMME (Continued)

Afternoon Segment

3:00 – 4:30 TECHNICAL SEGMENT: The panelists and ensuing dialogue will discuss how the legal and
economic frameworks of Earth Jurisprudence impact the implementation of sustainable
production and consumption patterns in Harmony with Nature.

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Panelists:
• Ms. Marsha Moutrie, former City Attorney of Santa Monica, California, USA
• Mr. Method Gundidza, Programme Coordinator with EarthLore Foundation, Zimbabwe
• Ms. Karen Brown, Creative Director, Center for Ecoliteracy, USA
• Ms. Leah Temper, Director of the Global Atlas of Environmental Justice and
ACKnowl-EJ, Associate Professor at McGill University, Canada
• Mr. Jorge Iván Palacio, Former Judge of the Constitutional Court of Colombia
• Ms. Kirsti Luke, Chief Executive of Tūhoe Te Uru Taumatua, New Zealand

4:30 – 5:45 Moderated dialogue with multi-stakeholder panelists, followed by Q&A from
Member States, UN organizations and stakeholders (continued)

5:45 – 6:00 WRAP UP AND CLOSING: THE WAY FORWARD
Moderator will give a brief overview of the outcomes of the morning and afternoon
sessions, including recommendations for next steps in incorporating into the High-Level
Political Forum and the General Assembly to advance the implementation of the SDGs.