



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 May 2018

Excellency,

By resolution 72/196, the General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, to hold, within existing resources and during the current session, a High-level Debate to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and to highlight emerging trends and promote the effective implementation of the Convention.

In this regard, I have the honor to convene the High-level Debate to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and to highlight emerging trends and promote the effective implementation of the Convention on Wednesday, 23 May 2018, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, New York.

This High-level Debate consists of an opening segment, a high-level segment with ministerial and other high-level participants, two interactive multi-stakeholder panel discussions and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly. In accordance with resolution 72/196, a President's summary of the discussion will be prepared for transmission to the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, as well as to all Member States.

In this light, I have the honor to convey herewith the program of the High-level Debate. Member States are informed that there will not be a pre-established list of speakers for the panel discussions and delegations are encouraged to engage in interactive discussions with the panelists. In view of the time constraint, and to help ensure that the dialogues are interactive, the time limit for interventions will be two minutes per speaker.

The concept note of the High-level debate was previously circulated to all Member States and Permanent Observers to the United Nations and is available on the website of the President of the General Assembly (www.un.org/pga/72). For additional details, please, contact Advisor on Legal Issues, Ms. Inga Kanchaveli at inga.kanchaveli@un.org.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

**The UN General Assembly High-Level Debate to mark the 15th Anniversary of
the Adoption of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC)
Emerging trends and Promoting the effective implementation of the Convention
Programme**

Wednesday, 23 May 2018, Trusteeship Council Chamber	
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p>Opening segment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the General Assembly; • H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; • USG Yury Fedotov, Executive-Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
10.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.	High-level segment with interventions from Member States
11.15 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Moderator: Mr. John Brandolino, Director of Division of Treaty Affairs of UNODC	<p>Interactive multi-stakeholder panel discussion on “Fifteen years of UNCAC implementation: Trends, achievements and challenges”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Laura Codruța Kövesi, Chief Prosecutor of the National Anti-Corruption Directorate of Romania; • Mr. Akere MUNA, Member of the High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa, Sanctions Commissioner, African Development Bank Group; • Ms. GUO Xiaomei, Deputy Director-General of Department of Treaty and Law of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China; • Ms. Huguette Labello, Former Chair and current Individual Member, Member of the Advisory Council of Transparency International.
Lunch Break	

<p>3.00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Simone Monasebian, Director of UNODC New York Office</p>	<p>Interactive multi-stakeholder panel discussion on “Achieving peaceful and inclusive societies through preventing and combating corruption”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Penrose MP, Prime Minister’s Anti-Corruption Envoy of the United Kingdom; • Ms. Laura Alonso, Secretary of Public Ethics, Transparency, and Fight Against Corruption of Argentina; • Dr. Raffaele Piccirillo, Head of the Department for Justice Affairs, Ministry of Justice of Italy; • Mr. J.C. Weliamuna, PC, Chairman of the Special Presidential Task Force on Recovery of State Assets of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; • Dr. Klaus Moosmayer, Chief Compliance Officer of Siemens AG and Head of the Global Siemens Compliance Organization.
<p>5:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly.</p>