

# HIGH-LEVEL INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON SAND AND DUST STORMS

UNHQ, New York  
Monday, 16 July 2018  
ECOSOC Chamber

## PROGRAMME

<b>Opening Segment</b>	
3:00-3:15 PM	Video presentation on the global status of sand and dust storms Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the 72 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the General Assembly
<b>Panel Discussion on Sand and Dust Storms</b>	
3:15-4:00 PM	<b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mr. John Knox, Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment</li></ul> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ H.E. Mr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mosavi, Director General for International Environmental and Sustainable Development Affairs, Ministry of foreign affairs, the Islamic Republic of Iran</li><li>○ Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li><li>○ Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</li><li>○ Ms. Louise Baker, Head of External Relations, Policy and Advocacy Division, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD)</li><li>○ Dr. Wenjian Zhang, Assistant Secretary General, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)</li><li>○ Mr. Charles Kelly, Expert</li></ul>
<b>Interactive Discussion</b>	
4:00-6:00 PM	Interactive discussion with the participation of Member States, representatives of the UN System and other relevant stakeholders