



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 July 2018

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter sent 29 June 2018 in reference to the High-level interactive dialogue on Sand and Dust Storms that will be held on 16 July 2018 from 15.00-18.00 in the ECOSOC Chamber, please find attached the revised programme.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

HIGH-LEVEL INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON SAND AND DUST STORMS

UNHQ, New York
Monday, 16 July 2018
ECOSOC Chamber

PROGRAMME

Opening Segment	
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 nd Session of the General Assembly
Panel Discussion on Sand and Dust Storms	
3:15-4:00 PM	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr. John Knox, Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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○ Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)○ Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)○ 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)○ Dr. Wenjian Zhang, Assistant Secretary General, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)○ Mr. Charles Kelly, Expert
Interactive Discussion	
4:00-6:00 PM	Interactive discussion with the participation of Member States, representatives of the UN System and other relevant stakeholders