



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

8 January 2019

Excellency,

We have the honour to invite you to a joint briefing of the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, scheduled for Thursday, 31 January 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The joint Presidents' briefing will outline efforts to facilitate coherence in the work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to Assembly resolution 72/313 of 20 September 2018, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", in particular paragraphs 29, 30 and 31 related to the need to enhance synergies and coherence and reduce overlap where it is found to exist in the agendas of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies, as well as the high-level political forum and other related forums in light of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The structure of the briefing will comprise updates on the following: (i) the alignment process; (ii) the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; (iii) Youth; (iv) Decent Work; and (v) Financing for Development. Additionally, it will provide an opportunity for Permanent Missions to exchange views and perspectives in relation to the gaps and duplication of work programmes of these two United Nations organs.

To ensure a transparent process and a productive exchange of views, we would like to encourage all Member States to attend the briefing.

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

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés
President of the seventy-third session of
the General Assembly

Inga Rhonda King
President of the Economic and Social
Council at its 2019 session

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