



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15 February 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a High-level Event on “Culture and Sustainable Development”, to be held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on the occasion of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

This High-level Event, convened in partnership with UNESCO, is mandated by the General Assembly resolution 72/229 of 20 December 2017, which encourages all countries, and other relevant stakeholders to give due consideration to the contribution of culture in the formulation of national, regional and international development policies and international cooperation instruments. Resolution 72/229 is built on a series of previous resolutions, which recognized and reaffirmed culture as a lever for sustainable development.

The High-level Event will consist of an opening segment followed by a roundtable and two interactive, multi-stakeholder panel discussions, as well as a brief closing segment.

A provisional concept note and agenda for the event will be shared in the coming weeks.

For further information on the event, my Senior Adviser, Hana AlHashimi may be contacted at (hana.alhashimi@un.org) or from UNESCO, Jamel Ben Abdallah (j.benabdallah@unesco.org) and H el ene Morales (h.morales@unesco.org).

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. ESPINOSA'.

Mar a Fernanda Espinosa Garc es

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New York