

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

9 April 2019

Excellency,

The General Assembly in its resolution 71/237 of 11 September 2017, entitled "The United Nations in global economic governance", welcomed the practice of informal engagement between the United Nations and intergovernmental groupings that make policy recommendations or take policy decisions, with global implications, through informal briefings organized by the President of the General Assembly. The resolution also invites the President of the General Assembly to continue this practice by inviting appropriate representatives to an interactive dialogue with the membership of the General Assembly in order to ensure continuity in their engagement, with a view to promoting transparency and coherence, as well as strengthening mutual understanding and cooperation in matters of global and economic governance.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development decided that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Forum on Financing for Development follow-up will consist of the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods Institutions, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

In accordance with these mandates, and in the context of the alignment of the agendas of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, we have the honour to inform you that we have invited the Honourable Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Ghana and Chair of the Development Committee to brief the membership on the occasion of the interactive dialogue with the Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO and UNCTAD on 16 April 2019, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber during the 2019 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up. The briefing, which will include an overview of the outcomes of the Development Committee and their implications for the achievement of the SDGs, would also contribute to the consultations on the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly, to be held in September.

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

For further information on the event, please contact Mr. Jonathan Viera, Senior Advisor, Office of the President of the General Assembly (henry.vierasalazar@un.org) or Mr. Huanyu Liu, Chief of Unit, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UNDESA (liuh@un.org).

We look forward to your active participation at this informal briefing.

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

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