



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 June 2020

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 8 June 2020, I have the pleasure to circulate the programme for the Commemoration of the Signing of the Charter of the United Nations to be convened on Friday, 26 June 2020 at 9:00 a.m. As per General Assembly resolution 73/299, the Charter Day celebration will form part of the activities to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

I invite your delegation's active engagement in this commemorative event. For those wishing to participate in the interactive panels by engaging and posing questions via the chatbox, kindly join the meeting through the following platform: <https://charterday.un.org>

The event can also be viewed through the following live streaming links:

- UN Web TV website: <http://webtv.un.org> (available in 6 languages)¹
- UN Channel on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/gTMAaSNvRm0> (available in English)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNWebTV/posts/341755953825623> (available in English)
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UNWebTV/status/1274023914608504833> (available in English).

We would kindly ask for your support in sharing the above listed live streaming links across relevant platforms.

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

¹ "The remote simultaneous interpretation of the proceedings is provided by the United Nations for the purpose of facilitating communication, in the six official languages of the United Nations. Participants are requested to be mindful of the additional difficulties experienced by interpreters when working in remote mode and of the increased likelihood of disruptions to the audiovisual feed to the interpreters, potentially leading to the interruption of interpretation services. Only the speech or intervention in the original language is authentic and constitutes an authentic record of the proceedings. In case of any inconsistency between the interpretation and the speech or intervention in the original language, the latter shall prevail."

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Member States for submitting videos and statements, which have been posted on the dedicated website for the event. As hitherto conveyed, the website will remain active and serve as a bridge to the High-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, scheduled for 21 September 2020. We will continue to receive submissions on a rolling basis, and I encourage Member States to make their submissions available for posting on the website.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a final flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande



COMMEMORATION OF THE SIGNING OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Friday, 26 June 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (New York time)

Virtual meeting, UN Headquarters, New York

PROGRAMME

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	1. Solemn Charter Commemoration Video Presentation Milestones and achievements of the UN Charter Opening Statements – Principal organs of the United Nations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Prof. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly▪ H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations▪ H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, President of the Security Council▪ H.E. Ms. Mona Juul, President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations▪ H.E. Mr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, President of the International Court of Justice Statements from the Chairs of the Regional Groups and from the host country: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of African States▪ H.E. Mr. Zhang Jun, Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Asia-Pacific States▪ H.E. Mrs. Marie Chatardová, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Eastern European States▪ H.E. Mr. Néstor Popolizio, Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Mr. Jörundur Valtýsson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Western European and other States ▪ H.E. Ms. Kelly Craft, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations (host country) <p>Video Presentation Stakeholder reflection on the declaration to be adopted at the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.</p>
10:00-11:55	2. Interactive Dialogues on the UN Charter’s relevance today and in future
10:00 – 11:00	<p><u>Panel 1: “The United Nations in the past, present and future. A view from the outside”</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Zeinab Badawi, Presenter, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Jan Eliasson, Chair of the Governing Board, SIPRI; Former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and President of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, former State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs ○ Ms. Graça Machel, Politician and Activist, Africa Progress Panel and The Elders; Member of UN Secretary-General’s SDG Advocacy Group ○ Mr. Vinton Cerf, Internet pioneer; Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist, Google ○ Ms. Lysa John, Secretary-General, CIVICUS ○ Mr. Abdoulie Jannah, Board Member, Mo Ibrahim Foundation; former UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
11:00-11:05	<p>Video Presentation UN75 campaign achievements</p>
11:05-11:55	<p><u>Panel 2: “The 2030 Agenda: Fulfilling our commitment to the future we want”</u></p> <p>Video presentation - “Voices of Agenda 2030”</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Elisabeth Cousens, President and CEO, UN Foundation Lead Discussant: H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</p>

11:55 –12:00

Commemoration Closing Ceremony

To pay tribute to the host country, and to both San Francisco and New York, two cities which are central to the Charter’s history, the event will feature a virtual performance by the New York Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony, who will join together for a musical piece to close the commemoration.