Excellency,

Sequel to our letter dated 19 May 2021, circulating the concept note for the half-day joint thematic event of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to be held on Friday, 18 June 2021, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, we have the honour to enclose herewith the provisional programme.

The joint thematic event will include an opening segment, a fireside chat segment and a high-level plenary segment. In view of the limited time available for the plenary segment, pre-recorded video statements will be played without introductions by the representatives physically present in the General Assembly Hall.

For further information, you may contact Ms. Sara Ibrahim Mohammed Al-Ahmad (sara.alahmad@un.org), Mr. Mohammed Amin Shaker (mohammed.shaker@un.org) and Mr. Imran Khan (miklodhi@gmail.com).

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

Volkan BOZKIR
President of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly

Munir Akram
President of the Economic and Social Council at its 2021 session

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
# PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Joint Thematic Event of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council**

Diversifying the Financing Toolbox to Enhance Investment in Least Developed Countries

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 18 June 2021, General Assembly Hall

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<td>- Strengthening national and global financing mechanisms to ensure a smart and modern risk-informed and resilient financing toolbox for LDCs aiming at accelerated investment.</td>
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implementation of the SDGs, while building back better from
the pandemic and resilience against future crises.
- Engagement with various stakeholders including
governments, IFIs, private sector, foundations and other
stakeholders in addressing the new and emerging challenges
and seizing the opportunities offered by innovative financing
for SDGs.
- Investing in sustainable infrastructure as a tool to foster
growth, address inequality and build resilience against shocks.

STATEMENTS

Group of Least Developed Countries:
- Rt. Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, Vice President and Minister for
Finance and Economic Development of Kiribati [pre-recorded
video message]
- H.E. Mr. Raghuraj Mahaseth, Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal [pre-recorded video
message]
- H.E. Mr. Abdul Momen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of
Bangladesh (in person)
- H.E. Mr. Osman Saleh Mohammed, Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Eritrea [pre-recorded video message]
- Mr. Francis Ben Kaifala, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption
Commission of Sierra Leone [pre-recorded video message]

African States:
- H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, Permanent
Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Algeria

Asia-Pacific States:

Eastern European States:
- H. E. Mr. Dmitry Chumakov, Deputy Permanent
Representative of the Russian Federation to the United
Nations

Latin American and Caribbean States:
- Mr. Rubén Silié, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for
Multilateral Affairs of the Dominican Republic [pre-recorded
video message]
- Brazil
Western European and other States:
- H.E. Mr. Francisco Andre, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal [pre-recorded video message]
- H.E. Mr. Feridun Hadi Sinirlioğlu, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations.

Observers:
- Mr. Jeffrey Schlagenhauf, Deputy Secretary General, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Civil Society Organizations:
- Mr. Demba Dembele, Chair of the Board, LDC Watch
- Mr. John Frank, Vice President, UN Affairs, Microsoft
- Myesha Maliha Binte Mamun, Secretary General of Bangladesh Medical Students’ Society.