



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL COUNCIL

11 June 2021

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](mailto:sara.alahmad@un.org)), Mr. Mohammed Amin Shaker ([mohammed.shaker@un.org](mailto:mohammed.shaker@un.org)) and Mr. Imran Khan ([miklodhi@gmail.com](mailto: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**

<b>10:00am-10:30am</b>	<p><b><u>OPENING SEGMENT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General</li><li>○ H.E. Mr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi and Minister for Defense</li><li>○ H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar (Host of the fifth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries)</li><li>○ Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.</li></ul>
<b>10:30am-11.00am</b>	<p><b><u>FIRESIDE CHAT</u></b></p> <p>Moderator – Ms. Melissa Fleming, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme</li><li>2. Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</li><li>3. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs</li><li>4. Ms. Carmen M. Reinhart, Vice President &amp; Chief Economist, World Bank Group</li></ol> <p>- Strengthening national and global financing mechanisms to ensure a smart and modern risk-informed and resilient financing toolbox for LDCs aiming at accelerated</p>

	<p>implementation of the SDGs, while building back better from the pandemic and resilience against future crises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Investing in sustainable infrastructure as a tool to foster growth, address inequality and build resilience against shocks.</li> </ul>
<p>11.00am–1.00 p.m.</p>	<p><b><u>STATEMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Group of Least Developed Countries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rt. Hon Dr. Teuea Toatu, Vice President and Minister for Finance and Economic Development of Kiribati [pre-recorded video message]</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Raghbir Mahaseth, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal pre-recorded video message]</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Abdul Momen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (in person)</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Osman Saleh Mohammed, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea pre-recorded video message]</li> <li>- Mr. Francis Ben Kaifala, Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone pre-recorded video message]</li> </ul> <p><b>African States:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations</li> <li>- Kingdom of Morocco</li> <li>- Algeria</li> </ul> <p><b>Asia-Pacific States:</b></p> <p><b>Eastern European States:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H. E. Mr. Dmitry Chumakov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations</li> </ul> <p><b>Latin American and Caribbean States:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Rubén Silié, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Affairs of the Dominican Republic pre-recorded video message]</li> <li>- Brazil</li> </ul>

**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.