General Assembly Informal Commemorative Meeting to Mark the 60th Anniversary of the Death of Former Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld (1905 – 1961)

Thursday, 9 September 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the UN General Assembly Hall

Hosted by the President of the General Assembly and co-organised by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and the Permanent Missions of Sweden and Tunisia

10.00 a.m. Opening
H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly
H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Remarks by the co-organisers
H.E. Ms. Ann Linde, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden
H.E. Mr. Othman Jerandi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad

Remarks by a member of the Hammarskjöld family
Ambassador Ms. Elinor Hammarskjöld

10.30 a.m. Introductory remarks by Moderator of the Panel
Ms. Sigrid Gruener, Programme Director, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

10.35 a.m. Interactive Panel: Enabling an International Civil Service for the 21st Century
Panellists:
- Ms. Fatoumata Ndiaye, Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services;
- Ms. Grete Faremo, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of UNOPS and Chair of the CEB’s High-Level Committee on Management;
- Mr. Toily Kurbanov, Executive Coordinator, UN Volunteers. Former UNDP Country Director in Myanmar;
- Ms. Natalie Samarasinghe, Executive Director of UNA-UK.

Guiding questions:
- What are the primary challenges and opportunities facing the International Civil Service today?
- How can member States strengthen the independence and integrity of the International Civil Service?
- How does the UN promote norm-based, principled leadership among UN personnel, including their defence of the values and principles enshrined in the UN Charter?
- How can the International Civil Service play a role in promoting the importance of multilateralism in addressing global challenges?

11.10 p.m. Q&A segment with the panel: questions and/or comments from Member States and Observers are warmly welcomed.

12.00 p.m. Conclusion.