



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 October 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a one-day High-level Thematic Debate entitled **“Delivering Climate Action: for People, Planet & Prosperity”** on Tuesday, **26 October 2021**, in the **General Assembly Hall**, United Nations Headquarters.

The thematic debate will be convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/313 of 17 September 2018 entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, in which the Assembly recognized the value of holding interactive inclusive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community and called upon the President of the General Assembly to organize such debates in close consultation with the General Committee and Member States.

I am convening this Thematic Debate in the lead up to the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) in light of the urgency of upscaling climate action to achieve the 1.5 degrees target, and in order to ensure that climate change remains the highest priority on the international agenda. The debate will highlight measures to bridge the gap between current and required technical, upskilling and financing capacities to achieve the 1.5 target. This will include the sharing of best practices that simultaneously address climate action and the myriad structural challenges exacerbated by the pandemic. Furthermore, it will build upon, and take stock of, the ambition-raising initiatives from Member States and stakeholders made along the path to COP26, in order to help Member States and stakeholders identify areas and sectors where more can be done. A preliminary concept note, draft programme, and guidelines for submission of pre-recorded statements are attached. A detailed programme will follow in due course.

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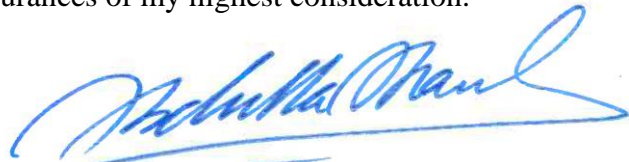
The list of speakers for the plenary segment will open for inscription on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 at 10 a.m. until Friday, 15 October 2021, at 5 p.m. Member States are encouraged to participate in the plenary segment at the Heads of State and Government or Ministerial level. For inscribing on the list of speakers, please contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (email: galindo@un.org with copy to gaspeakerslist@un.org). The time limit for statements will be *three minutes* for individual delegations and *five minutes* for statements delivered on behalf of groups of States.

The list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the General Assembly. The provisional list of speakers, to be circulated on Tuesday, 19 October 2021, will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the level of representation. In view of the limited time available for the plenary segment, the texts of statements submitted by speakers inscribed on the list that are not delivered by the end of the meeting will be posted on “eStatements” in the Journal of the United Nations. In this regard, delegations are encouraged to send their statements to estatements@un.org facilitate interpretation and for posting on “eStatements”. Also, in view of the limited time available, pre-recorded statements will be played without introductions by a representative physically present in the room. Pre-recorded statements submitted by speakers inscribed on the list that are not delivered by the end of the meeting will be posted on a dedicated webpage for this event.

The link to upload the video files will be provided on the e-deleGATE portal under “General Assembly/Plenary/Plenary Place”. I would like to emphasize the importance of submitting the video at least **four days in advance of the date that the statement is scheduled to be broadcast**, that is **by Thursday, 21 October 2021**. Please note that provision of live interpretation will be subject to fulfilment of the audio-visual guidelines. In cases of any recording anomalies (such as low speaking volume, noisy background, unclear diction, background music, etc.), delegations may be requested to provide a revised recording to remedy the anomalies, in order that interpretation services could then be delivered.

For further information on the meeting, you may contact Mr. Fakasoa Tealei (fakasoa.tealei@un.org), Sustainable Development Team Leader, or Mr. Mohammed Shaker (mohammed.shaker@un.org), Senior Adviser at the Sustainable Development Team, in my Office.

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



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