



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 76/6 of 15 November 2021 entitled “Follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General entitled Our Common Agenda”, and to inform you that, in line with operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of the resolution, I have decided to convene a series of open, inclusive, informal thematic consultations in early 2022 to provide the Secretary-General with an opportunity to inform Member States on the thinking regarding the follow-up to the report, and to allow Member States the opportunity to further consider the various proposals, options and potential means of implementation.

In consultation with the Secretariat, the proposals included in the “Our Common Agenda” report have been grouped for purposes of these informal consultations in **five clusters** based on their thematic scope. The consideration of each cluster will be under the **oversight of one Vice-President of the General Assembly**. The five thematic consultations will be two-days long each and will have the following format.

Day 1:

- *All Day:* Opening plenary meeting including a briefing by the Secretary-General on the cluster of proposals, followed by an informal plenary debate with the participation of Member States and Permanent Observers.

Day 2:

- *Morning:* A panel discussion with representatives from the UN system.
- *Afternoon:* Panel discussions with participation of relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, young people, academia and civil society representatives.

Taking into account the need to ensure alignment with and acceleration of the Sustainable Development Goals, the objective of the five thematic consultations is to identify those initiatives that gather broad support among the membership and whose implementation could start during the resumed part of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, including by agreeing on possible means of implementation, and those initiatives that would need further consideration.

Based on the paragraphs of the “Our Common Agenda” report, the clusters will be structured as follows (paragraphs listed are indicative only and will be confirmed in the concept notes that will be shared before each consultation).

1st thematic cluster (10-11 February 2022 TBC):

- **Theme:** *Accelerating and scaling up the SDGs, leaving no-one behind.*
- This cluster will primarily cover inter alia [proposals in chapters II and III of the Common Agenda report, including] paragraphs 19 (social contract), 28 (fund for social protection), 29 (informal economy), 30 (World Social Summit), 31 (transformative gender measures), 32 (CSW), 34 (human rights mechanisms), 36 (legal identity), 46 (youth in politics), 47 (youth office, youth engagement), 49 (education summit), 51 (job creation), 80 (just transition) and 112 (UN Development System).

2nd thematic cluster (14-15 February 2022 TBC):

- **Theme:** *Accelerating the SDGs through sustainable financing and building trust.*
- This cluster will primarily cover inter alia [proposals in chapters II and III of the Common Agenda report, including] paragraphs 21 (listening exercises), 23 (rule of law), 25 (tax and illicit financial flows), 26 (public information code of conduct), 35 (disinformation), 38 (GDP);73 (global economy, biennial G20-ECOSOC-SG-IFI summit), 74 (fairer trading system), 75 (financial integrity), 76 (sustainable business models) and 124 (UN budget).

3rd thematic cluster (21-22 February 2022 TBC):

- **Theme:** *Frameworks for a peaceful world – promoting peace, international law and digital cooperation.*
- This cluster will primarily cover inter alia proposals in chapter IV of the Common Agenda report, including paragraphs 89 (new agenda for peace), 91 (outer space), 93 (digital compact) and 127 (intergovernmental organs); [23] (rule of law), [34], (human rights mechanisms, Universal Periodic Review), 35 (application of human rights to frontier issues), [36] (legal identity), 96 (international law), 113 (UN support to social contract) and 129 (funding human rights mechanisms).

4th thematic cluster (3-4 March 2022 TBC):

- **Theme:** *Protecting our planet and being prepared for the future.*
- This cluster will primarily cover inter alia proposals in chapter IV of the Common Agenda report, including paragraphs 79 (climate finance), 82 (1.5 degrees), 83 (global stocktake), 85 (green finance), 86 (adaptation, territorial threats of climate change) and 87 (biodiversity); 54 (representing future generations), 56 (future impact/lab), 58 (Envoy for Future Generations), 59 (Declaration on Future Generations) and 125 (Trusteeship Council or alternative); and 100 (foresight), 101

(emergency platform), 103 (Summit of the Future), 67 (global vaccination plan), 68 (WHO), 69 (pandemic preparedness), 70 (access to health technologies) and 71 (universal health coverage).

5th thematic cluster (7-8 March 2022 TBC):

- **Theme:** *Enhancing international cooperation.*
- This cluster will primarily cover inter alia proposals in chapters IV and V of the Common Agenda report, including paragraphs 32 (CSW), 102 (High Level Advisory Board), 111 (age, gender, diversity), 112 (governance and funding of development), 114 (recruitment), 117 (Scientific Advisory Board), 123 (UN 2.0) and 124 (UN budget), 126-128 (intergovernmental organs), [129] (funding human rights mechanisms); and 118 (regional organisations), 119 (local and regional governments, parliaments), 120 (private sector engagement and accountability), 121, 122 (civil society) and 130 (engagement of civil society and other stakeholders across intergovernmental organs).

Other details pertaining to the consultations for each thematic cluster will be circulated in due course.

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



Abdulla SHAHID

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