



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 December 2021

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter date 15 November 2021, I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a one-day High-level Thematic Debate entitled “**Galvanising Momentum for Universal Vaccination**”, on Thursday, 13 January 2022, in the General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters. The High-level Thematic Debate comprising of an Opening Segment, Multi-Stakeholder Panels, and a High-level Plenary, will take place in a hybrid format.

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.

Recognizing that “no one is safe, until everyone is safe” – a reality further underscored by the emergence of new COVID-19 variants – the High-level Thematic Debate provides a timely opportunity to renew political commitment, reinvigorate multilateralism, and reinforce meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement to accelerate international efforts to achieve universal vaccination in the shortest possible period of time. The COVID-19 pandemic is not just a health crisis – it is acting as a risk multiplier, disrupting economies and livelihoods, whilst creating further inequalities. The only hope for a sustainable and swift recovery is to ensure equitable access, and subsequent delivery of vaccines to everyone, everywhere, at the earliest. The Concept Note and tentative program for the event is attached. A detailed programme will follow in due course.

For queries and further information, you may contact Ms Zeena Didi (zeena.didi@un.org), Team Lead, Humanitarian and Ms Isabel Avomo Sima (Isabel.avomosima@un.org), Advisor at my Office.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Abdulla SHAHID', is positioned above the printed name.

Abdulla SHAHID

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