



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 April 2022

Excellency,

Further to my letters dated 11 and 31 March 2022 regarding the **High-Level Thematic Debate** on “**Putting sustainable and resilient tourism at the heart of an inclusive recovery,**” to be held on **Wednesday, 4 May 2022**, at the UN Headquarters in New York, I have the honour to circulate herewith the *updated programme*. The High-Level Thematic Debate is being convened in collaboration with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

I have the further honour to inform that the *opening segment* will feature the remarks by the President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, the Secretary General of the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), and video presentation(s).

The *Fireside Chat* is intended to be multi-stakeholder and interactive in nature, and will serve as a context setting discussion among key actors in the tourism sector. There will be no pre-established list of speakers. During this segment, there will be opportunities for the moderator to engage with delegations from the floor. Delegations will be invited to press the microphone button on the console before them. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions to two minutes, and to pose questions or react to the remarks from the speakers.

The *Roundtables 1, 2 and 3* are also intended to be multi-stakeholder in nature. There will be no pre-established list of speakers. The speaking order in the roundtables will be determined based on established protocol. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions in the roundtables to three minutes. For planning purposes only, Member States **are invited to indicate their interest to intervene in any of the three roundtables**, including their first, second and third preference, and to include the name and level of the speaker through e-deleGATE (<https://edelegate.un.int>), under General Assembly >> e-Speakers, which will be **open from Tuesday, 19 April 2022, at 10 a.m. EDT, until Friday, 29 April 2022, at noon EDT**. Observers of the General Assembly are invited to express interest to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (email: galindo@un.org with copy to gaspeakerslist@un.org).

I request delegations to *participate in-person and at the highest possible political level*.

For further information, your office may contact Mr. Md Faruk Hossain Team Leader (faruk.hossain@un.org), or Ms. Janil Greenaway Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development in my office (janil.greenaway@un.org).

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

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