



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

9 May 2022

Excellency,

Given the importance of debt sustainability for the achievement of the SDGs, we have the honour to convene a **Joint High-level Thematic Debate on “Debt Sustainability for better recovery”**, to be held on **Tuesday, 31 May 2022**, in the United Nations Headquarters. We have the further honour to circulate herewith the **concept note** and **provisional programme**.

The Joint High-Level Thematic Debate will bring together Member States and Observers, the UN System, international financial institutions, the private sector, academia, and civil society to discuss scaling-up coordinated efforts by the international community to provide immediate relief to countries in need, and to urgently prevent and resolve future debt crises. It will discuss the progress achieved on debt issues and reflect on implementable measures and concrete actions to mitigate unsustainable debt in the context of a sustainable recovery from COVID19, taking into consideration the outcomes of the ECOSOC 2022 Financing for Development Forum.

Member States are invited to participate in-person and at the highest political level. For further information, your office may contact Ms. Janil Greenaway (janil.greenaway@un.org), Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development in the Office of the President of the General Assembly, with copy to FfDForum@un.org.

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

Abdulla Shahid
President of the General Assembly during
the seventy-sixth session

Collen Vixen Kelapile
President of the Economic and Social
Council at its 2021-2022 session

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