



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

23 May 2022

Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that we will convene a Special High-level Dialogue on the Sustainable Development of Africa on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 in the United Nations Headquarters.

The Special High-level Dialogue will be dedicated to the theme of “The Africa We Want: Reconfirming the Development of Africa as a Priority for the United Nations System”. Member States are encouraged to participate in the meeting at the Heads of State and Government or Ministerial level.

This High-level Dialogue aims to contribute towards the achievement of Africa’s transformative vision for development, as encapsulated in the seven aspirations of the African Union’s Agenda 2063. The High-level Dialogue will also be aligned with the African Union’s theme of the year on “Strengthening resilience in nutrition and food security on the African continent: strengthening agro-food systems, health and social protection systems for the acceleration of human, social, and economic capital development” as well as climate change in view of the fact that the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the UNFCCC will take place in Africa later this year.

Reaffirming the critical importance of Africa’s sustainable and inclusive development as a key priority for the UN System, the High-Level Dialogue will provide a global platform for African Member States and their partners to share country experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063. Moreover, the Dialogue seeks to mobilize greater support and partnerships for accelerated implementation of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs while recovering from the pandemic.

The High-level Dialogue will culminate in a call to action by the President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 2063 and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as an action-oriented chair’s summary with key policy recommendations. A detailed concept note and programme will be shared in due course.

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

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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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