



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1 July 2022

Excellency,

Further to our letter of 23 May 2022 on the **Special High-Level Dialogue on the Sustainable Development of Africa**, to be held on Wednesday, **20 July 2022**, from *10:00am* to *6:00pm* in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at UN Headquarters, New York, under the theme “**The Africa We Want: Reconfirming the Development of Africa as a Priority for the United Nations System**”, we are pleased to share the enclosed concept note and provisional programme.

As you are aware, the sustainable development of Africa is a key priority for the UN System. The event has become even more timely, as it now comes at a time of on-going intersecting crises. In this regard, the High-Level Dialogue will provide a global platform for Member States to discuss the impacts of the unfolding crises, the recovery from COVID-19 and the climate emergency on African development. The dialogue will provide a platform to share country-specific experiences, including successes, set-backs, challenges, and lessons learned, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 for the sustainable development of Africa. It will be an opportunity to mobilize greater support and partnerships to overcome the crises and avert their potential negative impacts, accelerate implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This special High-level Dialogue will be a multi-stakeholder event. Participation is encouraged from UN Member States and Observers at the highest political level, as well as from UN System entities, international financial institutions and multilateral development banks, the private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders. The dialogue will culminate in a call to action to accelerate the sustainable development of Africa, as well as an action-oriented Presidents’ summary. Further information on organizational arrangements will be circulated in due course.

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 or Ms. Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa (wasswa-mugambwa@un.org), Senior Programme Management Officer in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA).

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

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President of the General Assembly during
the seventy-sixth session

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

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