



The President of the Economic and Social Council

19 July 2022

Excellency,

We have the honour to circulate herewith the updated and final programme for the Special High-Level Dialogue on the Sustainable Development of Africa, to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 20 July 2022, from 10:00am to 5:10 pm 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". The concept note and updated programme for the event is also available at the event webpage here: Special High-Level Dialogue on the Sustainable Development of Africa | General Assembly of the United Nations.

Delegations are reminded that this special High-level Dialogue will be a multistakeholder event. Participation is encouraged from UN Member States and Observers at the highest political level, as well as from UN System entities, civil society, and other stakeholders. The dialogue will culminate in a 'Call to Action' to accelerate the sustainable development of Africa, which we jointly issue. The text of the Presidents Call to Action is enclosed, and we invite you to support this call during the meeting. A Presidents' summary of the proceedings will also be provided.

You are reminded also that Member States and Observers will have the opportunity to take the floor during the thematic roundtable discussions. Kindly note that there will be no preestablished list of speakers. Delegations wishing to speak will be asked to press the microphone button when the floor is open for interventions during each of the roundtables. The time limit for interventions will be 3 minutes for individual delegations. Full-length statements can be submitted to the Secretariat (estatements@un.org) to be posted on "eStatements" in the United Nations Journal. Civil society organizations with consultative status with ECOSOC, and DGC-accredited NGOs are also invited to participate.

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

Abdulla Shahid

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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