



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL

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Excellency,

We have the honour to invite you to the Special High-level Event of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the theme, “The Doha Programme of Action as an accelerator of implementation of the 2030 Agenda” to be held on 8 February 2023 from 10 am to 1 pm. The event comes at an extremely important time as we draw closer to the Second Part of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5), which will be held in Doha, Qatar, on 5-9 March 2023.

The current global macroeconomic environment characterized by high inflation, stalling economic growth, and intensification of financing constraints, as well as the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the existential threats of climate change have exacerbated structural vulnerabilities of the LDCs which casts a dark shadow on the prospects of the LDCs recovery from the pandemic and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

It is against this backdrop that we are jointly organizing the Special High-Level event to raise awareness of the Doha Programme of Action, to highlight its transformative agenda, and to serve as a building block toward the Second Part of the LDC5 Conference. Your participation at the joint High-Level event will greatly contribute to this important agenda.

We hope to draw experiences not only from Member States but also from relevant stakeholders. The provisional programme and a concept note will follow. For more detailed information on the LDC5, you can refer to www.un.org/ldc5/, and for further inquiries, please contact Ali Al-Hashmi (ali.al-hashmi@un.org), Office of the President of the General Assembly.

We look forward to your active participation in the joint event.

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

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the General Assembly

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President of the Economic
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