



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 November 2023

Excellency,

As we pass the critical moment of the mid-point in implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, transforming our world should remain central to our ongoing efforts to achieve **peace, prosperity, progress, and sustainability** for all.

Now, as we set our attention on the **Summit of the Future**, sustainability for all is more than ever key to ensuring a prosperous and thriving future for present and future generations.

We must also build on the momentum gained from the September **2023 SDG Summit**, in pursuit of protecting the planet's ecosystem and ensuring sustainable production and consumption in every facet of our human existence.

Sustainable transportation, infrastructure and energy are critical avenues to attain such a future. Sustainable industrial development and economic activity, including sustainable tourism and debt sustainability and equality, also merit our close focus in all our endeavours.

In this regard, and in line with the paragraph 18 of the General Assembly resolution 77/335 entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", highlighting the importance of rationalizing thematic debates to ensure high-level attendance, I have decided to organize the following events back-to-back and as part of the "**Sustainability Week**" at a time to be determined in **April 2024**:

- A global stocktaking on sustainable energy, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/77/170.
- High-level thematic event on sustainable tourism, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/77/178.
- Informal dialogue on building global resilience and promoting sustainable development through infrastructure connectivity, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/77/282.
- A half-day high-level meeting on sustainable transport, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/77/286.
- I will also convene a high-level thematic debate focussed on the importance of debt sustainability and socio-economic equality for all.

I encourage all delegations to note this tentative plan, and initiate arrangements to participate in this important Week at the highest level possible.

All Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

To ensure inclusive deliberations, high-level meetings will also feature participation of the United Nations system, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders.

Further details on Sustainability Week will be circulated in due course. For additional information, your Office may contact **Ms. Asha DeSuza**, Team Leader for Sustainable Development and Financing for Development at my Office by e-mail: asha.desuza@un.org.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Francis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis Francis