



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL COUNCIL

28 October 2022

Excellency,

We have the honour to share herewith the summary of our meeting held on 20 October 2022 pursuant to the General Assembly Resolutions 73/341 of 12 September 2019, 74/303 of 4 September 2020, and 75/325 of 15 September 2021, entitled “Revitalisation of the work of the General Assembly”, and related efforts to revitalize the work of the General Assembly and strengthen the Economic and Social Council.

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

Csaba Kőrösi  
President of the General Assembly  
during the seventy-seventh session

Lachezara Stoeva  
President of the Economic and Social  
Council at its 2022-2023 session

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

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Monthly Meeting (#1)**

#### **President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC**

**Thursday, 20 October 2022, 2.00 p.m. (PGA's Conference Room)**

The President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC discussed the agenda related to the work of their respective Charter bodies and agreed to a coordinated and coherent approach whilst handling their respective mandates. They looked forward to the briefing as an opportunity to appraise Member States about their efforts and achievements in this regard.

The President of ECOSOC outlined key upcoming events. She noted that the HLPF will discuss effective and inclusive recovery measures to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explore actionable policy guidance for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs at all levels as well as promote multilateral responses and international solidarity. The President of the General Assembly thanked the able leadership of the President of ECOSOC and for agreeing to be part of the Advisory Board member on Gender Equality.

The two Presidents of the Charter bodies exchanged information on upcoming meetings, including the Partnership Forum in January 2023 and the Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation. There is a planned special event of ECOSOC to address the second pillar of R2P. A concept paper is under development. The President of ECOSOC expressed commitment to closely coordinate preparations for the SDG Summit and to “burden-sharing” in this regard. There was scope to make use of relevant consultative processes under ECOSOC. She noted that the ECOSOC Youth Forum would be convened for three days, with the additional day being dedicated to the Summit. It is envisaged that the SG's Youth Envoy will be closely involved. The President noted that she would be convening a retreat to advise on preparations for the July 2023 HLPF and look ahead to the SDG Summit.

It is envisaged that the segments of the HLPF 2023 to focus on the SDG Summit and the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies will also be asked to deliver inputs related to the SDG Summit. The President of ECOSOC informed the PGA of the appointment of co-facilitators for the ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum (PRs of Portugal and Rwanda) and the STI Forum (PR of South Africa and the ECOSOC Ambassador of the UK).

The President of the General Assembly provided an update on recent appointments of co-facilitators to lead various negotiating processes, including Pandemic preparedness (Israel and Morocco); the Theme and SDGs under review for the 2024 ECOSOC and HLPF (Chile); SDG Summit (Ireland and Qatar); and Financing for Development (Botswana and Luxemburg). Regarding the latter, the PGA noted that it would be important to coordinate with ECOSOC FfD process. He expressed the intention to make use of the General Committee of the GA for coordination, with the co-facilitators invited to deliver regular briefings. The PGA outlined possible themes for dialogues with Ambassadors, to be held on a monthly or fortnightly basis on Friday mornings. Identified themes included “What are expectations of the GA and the UN during a time of crisis” and “Management of Global Public Goods” and “Transformation” on the issue of ‘Beyond GDP’, the PGA underlined the importance of having tangible results by the time of the Summit.

The meeting ended with the two Presidents agreeing to schedule the next monthly meeting as soon as practicable.