



**The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council**

15 April 2021

Excellency,

It is my honour to invite your country to participate in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Special Event on Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) to take place in virtual format on Friday, 23 April 2021.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) are at a critical juncture on their path to sustainable development and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. They have been the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic with a dramatic setback in their progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This calls for urgent decisive actions to secure a sustainable and resilient recovery guided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within the Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development.

The outcome of the meeting will be a President's summary to be circulated to Member States and other stakeholders.

Please find attached a concept note, which provides information about the objectives of the Special Event and guiding questions for discussion. A draft programme will be provided shortly.

Should your delegation have any questions, please contact please contact Mr. Md. Abdul Alim ([alim1@un.org](mailto:alim1@un.org)) at the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) for issues related to Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries; Ms. Anya Ihsan Thomas ([thomasa@un.org](mailto:thomasa@un.org)) at the Division for the Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) for issues related to Small Island Developing States as well as Ms. Patricia Chaves ([chavesp@un.org](mailto:chavesp@un.org)), at the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

I look forward to the active participation and contribution of your country at this important ECOSOC Special Event.

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



Munir Akram

All Permanent Representatives of Member States  
to the United Nations