



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

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Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 20 December 2021, I have the honour to update you on the preparations for the inaugural Coordination Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that will take place on 3-4 February 2022.

I am pleased to share with you the draft programme of the Segment. It will focus on the main theme for the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development “*Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”. The programme will feature Heads of United Nations entities, Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, Chairs of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies and other participants. The first day of the Segment is designed to reflect the three dimensions of sustainable development and the role of science, technology and innovation. The second day of the Segment will focus on coordination matters for Member States to provide guidance for the upcoming work of the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and UN entities to ensure coherence and coordination.

I am pleased to inform you that the website of the 2022 Coordination Segment has been launched <https://www.un.org/en/content/ecosoc-coordination/>. The website includes the draft programme and other relevant background documents. The website also features [infographics of the 22 subsidiary bodies of the Council](#) – regional commissions, functional commissions and expert bodies – showcasing key messages of their latest sessions, which serve as an input to the deliberations of the Segment. The informal note by the Secretariat will be shared in the coming days.

The meetings of the Coordination Segment are being planned in an in-person format at UN Headquarters, New York, with virtual participation by invited panelists. These arrangements are subject to change based on the guidance on in-person meetings held at UN Headquarters in light of the evolving situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I intend to hold a briefing for Member States on Monday, 24 January 2022 on a virtual platform. More detailed information on the briefing will be provided through the United Nations Journal and the e-deleGATE platform.

I look forward to your active engagement in the Coordination Segment.

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

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