



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

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Excellency,

The high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) will be held from 9 to 18 July 2018 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. Its three-day ministerial segment will be held from 16 to 18 July within the high-level segment of the Council (16-19 July).

In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to invite your Government to participate in the HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC at the highest possible level. I would also like to encourage your Government, in line with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the HLPF, to ensure that your participation in the meetings reflects the balanced integration of the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development from your national perspectives.

With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the HLPF was given a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates. The outcome of the HLPF will be a negotiated ministerial declaration.

As set out in General Assembly resolution 70/299, the theme of the 2018 HLPF shall be “*Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies*” and it shall discuss Goals 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15 and their interlinkages, including, if appropriate, with other Goals, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle. Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, will be reviewed annually. Forty-seven countries will present their national reviews on the implementation of SDGs during the ministerial segment this year.

The last day of the high-level segment of ECOSOC on 19 July will be dedicated to a future looking policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions and other actors and a thematic discussion on the main theme of ECOSOC 2018 session “*From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities*”.

The programme of the HLPF and high-level segment of ECOSOC has been posted online (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018>).

Yours sincerely,

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President of ECOSOC

**All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers  
to the United Nations**