



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

28 May 2019

Excellency,

The high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council will be held from 9 to 18 July 2019. Its 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 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 the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The theme of the 2019 HLPF will be “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*”. It shall discuss Goals 4 (on quality education), 8 (on decent work and economic growth), 10 (on reducing inequalities), 13 (on climate action) and 16 (on peace, justice and strong institutions) and their interlinkages with other Goals. Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, will be reviewed, as done every year. 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 on “Where are we heading? Visions and projections for the future of SDGs” and a discussion on long term trends and scenarios on the theme of “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*”.

The programme of the HLPF and high-level segment of ECOSOC has been posted online (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2019>).

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

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All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
