



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

17 April 2024

Excellency,

I have the honor to invite you to the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which will be convened from 8 to 12 July and 15 to 17 July 2024, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. I also have the honor to invite you to the ECOSOC high-level segment, which will be held jointly with the ministerial segment of the high-level political forum from 15 to 17 July and will conclude on 18 July 2024.

The theme of the 2024 ECOSOC and HLPF is “*Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions.*” The 2024 HLPF will be the first meeting of the forum after the 2023 SDG Summit. Ministers and other high-level participants will have the opportunity to focus on follow-up to the Political Declaration and other outcomes of the SDG Summit, for accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The forum and the high-level segment of the Council will also contribute to the preparations of the Summit of the Future.

The 2024 HLPF will also conduct in-depth reviews of SDGs 1 on no poverty, 2 on zero hunger, 13 on climate action, 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals, as well as their interlinkages and with other Goals.

Thirty-eight countries will present Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of their implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The high-level segment of ECOSOC will continue on 18 July. It will focus on the support of the multilateral system to commitments made by the governments and stakeholders at SDG Summit, as well as on current key global trends and their impacts to the realization of the SDGs by 2030.

The HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC will result in a negotiated ministerial declaration.

I wish to invite Member States to be represented at ministerial level in the HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC. I look forward to the engagement of Ministers from all relevant fields, including from finance and planning ministries, to share experiences and provide policy recommendations and sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions for the way forward.

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

Kindly find attached the provisional programme. There will be opportunity for Member States, other participants, and major groups and other stakeholders to intervene in the course of the thematic sessions of the first days of the HLPF, as well as during the VNR sessions, and during the high-level segment of ECOSOC on 18 July.

During the ministerial segment, Ministers and high-level officials will also be able to speak in the general debate. The theme for the general debate is: “*From the SDG Summit to the Summit of the Future*”.

The annotated programme and an information note for participants will be circulated in due course. The Secretariat’s concept note, reports and background notes for the HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC will be available at the HLPF website (<https://hlpf.un.org/2024>) and the ECOSOC website (<https://ecosoc.un.org/en>).

The HLPF will be accompanied by side events, special events, exhibitions and VNR labs. Applications for side events and exhibitions, and other information of these events will be shared at the HLPF website. The applications for side events and exhibitions opened on 25 March and will close on 6 May 2024.

For further information, please contact Mr. Friedrich Soltau (soltau@un.org) and Ms. Ling Wang (wang24@un.org) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

I look forward to the active participation of your Government in the HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC.

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



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President of ECOSOC