



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 July 2023

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 12 June and following the informal meeting of the General Committee held on 14 June 2023, I have the honour to circulate the programme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly (SDG Summit) to be held on 18-19 September 2023.

As in 2019, following the opening of the meeting, a “Setting the Stage” segment will serve as an introduction from the UN system and stakeholders to provide a starting point for the announcement of new commitments by the Heads of State and Government during the Summit.

A subsequent plenary segment will provide an opportunity for statements on behalf of groups of States outlining joint actions and commitments.

The programme includes six Leaders’ Dialogues. Participating States are invited to express an interest of their Head of State or Government to serve as co-chair of a Leaders’ Dialogue through a letter addressed to the Office of the President of the General Assembly no later than Monday, 14 August 2023.

The high-level political forum will be ended by a closing segment which will give an opportunity for reporting back from Leaders’ Dialogues and other Summit components and summarising the outcomes of the event.

The list of speakers will open on the e-deleGATE portal on Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and close on Thursday, 31 August 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Delegations of participating States and the European Union may inscribe to deliver a statement on behalf of a group of States during the plenary segment on 18 September 2023. All other delegations are invited to indicate two preferred options for the Leaders’ Dialogues. The themes and time slots of the six Leaders’ Dialogues are as shown in the attached programme. A delegation will be able to speak in only one pre-selected Leaders’ Dialogue, time permitting.

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The time limit for all statements in both the plenary segment and the Leaders' Dialogues, including statements made on behalf of a group of States, will be three minutes. The provisional lists of speakers for the plenary segment and the Leaders' Dialogues, prepared in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly taking into account resolution 67/290 and with due regard to geographical and gender balance, will be made available in September in advance of the SDG Summit.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 75/325, Member States are strongly encouraged to limit the number of side events held in parallel to the SDG Summit, including by consulting one another to identify side events on similar topics in an effort to minimize overlap, and informing the Secretariat of the details of planned side events.

I urge delegations to continue to work with the co-facilitators, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Qatar, to finalize the text of the political declaration. Following the practice from 2019, the political declaration will be adopted by the High-Level Political Forum during the opening segment on 18 September. A resolution containing the political declaration will subsequently be adopted by the General Assembly in early October.

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



Csaba Kőrösi