



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

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The United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will convene under the auspices of ECOSOC at UN headquarters in New York from 10 to 19 July 2017 (with a ministerial segment on 17 - 19 July).

The forum, which was created at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012 (Rio+20) to provide high-level policy guidance and promote and review implementation of sustainable development, has also been given a role as a central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in September 2015.

Specifically, the General Assembly in resolution 70/1 called for thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues, to take place at the HLPF. These will be supported by reviews by the ECOSOC functional commissions and other inter-governmental bodies and forums which should reflect the integrated nature of the goals as well as the interlinkages between them. They will engage all relevant stakeholders and, where possible, feed into, and be aligned with, the cycle of the HLPF.

In this context, I would like to point out the 2016 HLPF received a total of 47 inputs from intergovernmental bodies and forums. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the thematic reviews at the 2016 HLPF through their contribution to its theme. These inputs, together with the synthesis provided by the Secretariat, can be found at the 2016 HLPF website <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/inputs>

As you know, the General Assembly in its recent resolution on follow-up and review has decided that the HLPF, under the auspices of ECOSOC and without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible, interlinked nature of the sustainable development goals, will discuss a set of goals and their interlinkages including, if appropriate, with other goals, at each session representing the three dimensions of sustainable development, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review on progress of all goals over the course of a four-year cycle, with means of implementation, including goal 17, reviewed annually. In this regard, the General Assembly further defined the theme of the 2017 HLPF to be "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world". All 17 SDGs will be examined from the perspective of the theme. Additionally the following SDGs will be discussed together with the SDG 17: 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, and 14.

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In this regard, I invite you to provide substantive inputs to the 2017 HLPF showcasing your intergovernmental body's contribution towards the 2030 Agenda in general, and particularly for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and respective targets that are most relevant to your intergovernmental body's mandate. The following template, inspired by the report of the Secretary-General on global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (A/70/684), could be considered in providing inputs:

- (a) an assessment of the situation regarding the principle of "ensuring that no one is left behind" at the global level;
- (b) the identification of gaps, areas requiring urgent attention, risks and challenges;
- (c) valuable lessons learned on eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity;
- (d) emerging issues likely to affect the realization of poverty eradication and achieving prosperity;
- (e) areas where political guidance by the high-level political forum is required;
- (f) policy recommendations on ways to accelerate progress in poverty eradication.

This reporting template can be accessed at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf> and I would kindly ask you to send your contribution no later than 28 April 2017 to the HLPF Secretariat (e-mail: pietracci@un.org).

I look forward to your contributions to the 2017 HLPF.

Yours sincerely,



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