



MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

His Excellency Mr Collen Vixen Kelapile
President of the Economic and Social Council
United Nations
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Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of 29 July 2021, inviting countries to express their interest in presenting a Voluntary National Review (VNR) at the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

I am writing to express our interest in presenting the Netherlands' second VNR at next year's HLPF. We believe this is a timely follow-up on the progress made since our first VNR presentation at the HLPF in July 2017.

As a Kingdom consisting of four diverse countries on two continents, we have fully supported the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both domestically and through the broader work of the United Nations worldwide. Our commitment to the 2030 Agenda includes a readiness to report on progress and exchange with other countries' lessons learned, challenges and best practices. We take pride in our use of a unique multi-stakeholder approach based on equality, and we would be happy to present this to a wider public at the HLPF next year.

In that light, we are pleased to offer to host UNDESA's global VNR Preparatory Workshop this autumn. We look forward to this collaboration, which will be an ideal opportunity to learn from each other and further strengthen our efforts to achieve the SDGs in the Decade of Action between now and 2030. Now, more than ever, this is the time to reflect together on our progress and to use the SDGs as a roadmap for a resilient, future-proof society and economy at home and abroad.

Yours sincerely,

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