



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

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I am writing to invite the Intergovernmental body you chair to provide an input to the thematic review of the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF). The HLPF will meet under the auspices of ECOSOC at the UN headquarters in New York from 9 to 18 July 2019, with a ministerial segment on 16 - 18 July.

The forum, is the central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The General Assembly in resolution 70/1 called for the HLPF to conduct thematic reviews of progress on the SDGs, including cross-cutting issues. These are mandated to 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 July 2019, the HLPF will discuss the following SDGs together with SDG 17: SDG 4 (Quality education), 8 (Decent work and economic growth), 10 (Reduced inequalities), 13 (Climate change), and 16 (Peaceful societies, justice and strong institutions). The General Assembly also defined the theme of the 2019 July HLPF to be “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*”.

I invite you to provide substantive inputs to the 2019 HLPF on its review of the SDGs and the theme. Your contribution could showcase the views and guidance of your intergovernmental bodies on those aspects of its work related to the SDGs and the theme showcasing your intergovernmental body’s contribution towards the 2030 Agenda in general, and particularly on the SDGs and respective targets reviewed by the 2019 HLPF that are most relevant to your intergovernmental body’s mandate. The following template could be considered in providing inputs:

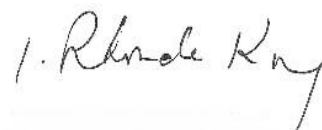
- (a) the identification of progress, gaps, areas requiring urgent attention, risks and challenges in achieving the SDGs; and, or in relation to the theme within the area under the purview of your intergovernmental body;
- (b) valuable successful experiences and lessons learned on empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality;
- (c) emerging issues likely to affect inclusiveness and equality at various levels;
- (d) an assessment of the situation regarding the principle of “ensuring that no one is left behind” at the global, regional and national levels;
- (e) areas where political guidance by the high-level political forum is required;
- (f) policy recommendations on ways to accelerate progress in empowering people, ensuring inclusiveness and equality, and achieving SDGs.
- (g) Inputs can be in the format best adapted to your intergovernmental body. They do not have to be negotiated outcomes and can be summary of discussions, communication by bureau or other kind of inputs. Your contribution will also be treated as your contribution to the work of the Economic and Social Council. It will thus also be included in ECOSOC Integration Segment in preparation of the HLPF.

I would like to inform you that the 2018 HLPF received a total of 46 inputs from functional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums. I would like to thank all those who informed the thematic reviews at the 2018 HLPF through their contribution to its theme. These inputs, together with the synthesis provided by the Secretariat, can be found at the HLPF website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/inputs/>. I encourage intergovernmental bodies and forums in the economic, social and environmental area to contribute to the reviews.

I would kindly ask you to send your contribution **no later than 15 March 2019** to the HLPF Secretariat (e-mail: wang24@un.org and copy rauchs@un.org, perez7@un.org). The inputs to be received will be synthesized as an official document of HLPF, as well as be posted online at the HLPF website.

I look forward to your contributions to the 2019 HLPF.

Yours sincerely,



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