



23 May 2017

Excellency,

In accordance with the letter to Member States dated [12 April 2017](#), in which His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and Social Council, appointed us as co-facilitators to lead consultations on the Ministerial Declaration, we have the honour to transmit herewith draft elements for the Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Segment of the 2017 Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum (HLPF) on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council.

The draft elements build on the preparatory process for the 2017 ECOSOC cycle, combining analytical contributions from the ECOSOC segments and forums, as well as preparations for the HLPF.

We would rely on your support and cooperation in working together to achieve an ambitious outcome of the 2017 ECOSOC cycle and HLPF, with their focus on poverty eradication and the effective realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We have attached a proposed timeline of consultations. To start the process, we would welcome the opportunity to consult with your delegations on Friday, 26 May 2017, at 11:00 am, in Conference Room 4, following the briefing on the HLPF, to receive feedback on the draft elements.

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

Jan Kickert
Permanent Representative of Austria

Courtenay Rattray
Permanent Representative of Jamaica

Timeline – 2017 Ministerial Declaration

Tuesday, 23 May	Proposed elements sent to Member States
Friday, 26 May	Member States to offer their feedback on draft elements (11 AM; CR 4) Informal dialogue with stakeholders (afternoon)
Wednesday, 7 June	Zero draft Ministerial Declaration shared with Member States
15 – 30 June	Consultations (full day): First reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thursday, 15 June (<i>TRI Chamber</i>)- Friday, 16 June (<i>TRI Chamber AM; CR 11 PM</i>) Second reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wednesday, 21 June (<i>AM venue-TBD; TRI Chamber PM</i>)- Thursday, 22 June (<i>TRI Chamber AM; PM venue-TBD</i>) Final reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thursday, 29 June (<i>ECOSOC Chamber</i>)- Friday, 30 June (<i>ECOSOC Chamber</i>)
Friday, 30 June	Conclusion of informal consultations
Monday, 10 July	HLPF begins
Monday, 17 July	HLPF ministerial meeting and High-level Segment of ECOSOC begin
Wednesday, 19 July	Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration at the HLPF
Thursday, 20 July	Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration at the High-Level Segment of ECOSOC