



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

16 May 2017

Excellency,

The high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) will be held from 10 to 19 July 2017 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. Its three-day ministerial segment will be held from 17 to 19 July within the high-level segment of the Council.

In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to invite your Government to participate in the HLPF at the highest possible level. I would also like to encourage your Government, in line with paragraph 12 of General Assembly [resolution 67/290](#) on the format and organizational aspects of the HLPF, to ensure that your participation in the meetings reflects the balanced integration of the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development from your national perspectives.

Following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the HLPF was designated a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates. The outcome of the HLPF will be a negotiated ministerial declaration.

As set out in General Assembly [resolution 70/299](#), the theme of the 2017 HLPF shall be “*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*” and it shall discuss Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, and 14 and their interlinkages, including, if appropriate, with other Goals, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all [Goals](#) over the course of a four-year cycle. Means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, will be reviewed annually. Forty-four countries have volunteered to present their national reviews on the implementation of SDGs during the ministerial segment this year. The programme has been posted on the HLPF webpage (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf>).

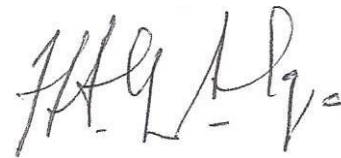
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As the HLPF is central to follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, I would like to emphasize the great importance of maintaining it as dynamic, fruitful and implementation-oriented as possible, as was the case last year, at the first HLPF after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. In this regard, I am inviting your Government to play an active role as a panelist, lead discussant or keynote speaker. I would appreciate receiving an expression of your interest no later than Friday, 2 June 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, Ms. Bernadette Silungisile Ntaba, Counsellor from my team (e-mail: kadyamusumabs@zimfa.gov.zw) or the Secretariat (e-mail: zubcevic@un.org) for any additional information and assistance.

I am looking forward to the active participation of your Government in the meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Makamure Shava', written in a cursive style.

Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava
President of the Council