

Reference GovernanceAffairs/UNEA-HLPF-2023

Date 19 December 2022

Excellency,

On behalf of H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, President of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco, I have the pleasure to share with you the letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), inviting UNEA to provide inputs to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July 2023, under the theme *“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”*.

Member States are encouraged to send their inputs in writing for consideration by the Secretariat with the aim to develop and distribute a first draft of the contribution to the HLPF by 25 January 2023. In this context, Member States are invited to take into account the “template” for inputs, as referred to in the attached letter from the President of ECOSOC, which reads as follows:

- (a) Progress, experience, lessons learned, challenges and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17 from the vantage point of your intergovernmental body, bearing in mind the three dimensions of sustainable development and the interlinkages across the SDGs and targets, including policy implications of their synergies and trade-offs,
- (b) Three key areas where transformative actions for accelerated progress have been successful, and three key areas where support is most urgently needed, with regard to the cluster of SDGs under review in July 2023.
- (c) Examples of specific actions taken to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic that also accelerate progress towards multiple SDG targets, including actions identified by your intergovernmental body, building on interlinkages and transformative pathways for achieving SDGs.
- (d) Assessment of the situation in the mid-point of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic and within the respective areas addressed by your intergovernmental body, and policy recommendations, commitments and cooperation measures for promoting a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the pandemic while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- (e) Key messages for inclusion into the Political Declaration of the September 2023 SDG Summit.

When finalizing the first draft, the Secretariat will also make use of relevant documents of the United Nations Environment Programme as well as the resolutions and decisions adopted by UNEA at its resumed fifth session.

Please send your input to the email addresses [unep-sgb@un.org](mailto:unep-sgb@un.org) and [unepnyo@un.org](mailto:unepnyo@un.org), preferably by **Friday, 13 January 2023** at the latest.

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

Radhika Ochalik  
Secretary, Governing Bodies  
Director, Governance Affairs Office

**Permanent Missions to the United Nations Environment**

**CC: Minister responsible for the environment**

Annex:  
Letter from the President of ECOSOC