



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

30 March 2016

Excellency,

The high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) will hold its meeting from 11 to 20 July 2016 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. From 18 – 20 July the meeting will be held at the ministerial level.

In this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to invite your Government to participate at the HLPF at the highest possible level. I would also like to encourage your Government in line with paragraph 12 of the resolution 67/290 on format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, 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.

The adopted theme for HLPF this year is “Ensuring to leave no one behind”. This is also the first HLPF after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and sustainable development goals (SDGs) as well as the first one that will have national reviews on the implementation of SDGs from 22 countries. The list of the 22 countries can be found at the HLPF website <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf> in addition to other relevant information that will be made available as the meeting approaches.

I would like to emphasize the great importance of making HLPF this year as relevant, fruitful and interesting as possible as it will surely set a tone for the years to come. As such, 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 20 May 2016.

As per the resolution above, the least developed countries are entitled to a round-trip economy air fare from the regular United Nations budget to attend the meeting. A separate e-mail in this regard will be sent by the Secretariat.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, Mr. Hoonmin Lim, Minister Counsellor from my team (e-mail: korea.un@mofa.go.kr) 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.

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President of ECOSOC

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