

## **Structure of the Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Segment of the 2021 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)**

### **I. Introduction**

- COVID-19 and its impact, need for a coordinated global response to the crisis and international solidarity. 2030 Agenda as our first line of defense.
- Reaffirmation of the commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and the realization of the decade of action and delivery with accelerated actions and transformative pathways, reaffirmation of the 2030 Agenda principles especially leaving no one behind, while protecting the planet.
- The reaffirmation of the role of multilateralism and the importance of the UN system in guiding and supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs.

### **II. Impact of the pandemic on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, enhancing coordinated global response on supporting recovery and building back better in the Decade of Action and Delivery**

- Impact of COVID-19 on the overall implementation of the 2030 Agenda and addressing systemic issues that have been exposed by COVID for a more equitable and sustainable path to achieving the SDGs.
- Recommendations for policies and measures undertaken for a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 that promotes economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and addresses poverty, inequalities, resilience, financing, ensuring rapid equitable access globally to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics through multilateral collaboration, bridging digital divide within and among countries.

### **III. Assessment of Sustainable Development Goals under in-depth discussion and cross-cutting issues**

- Inputs from 2021 SDG progress report, regional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and functional commissions of ECOSOC.
- Commendation to 44 VNR countries for their presentations and a reference also to those who are presenting for second and subsequent times and encouraging others to do so as well.
- Cross-cutting issues: poverty including multidimensional aspects, peace, security, LNOB, human rights, social inclusion, countries in special situations, middle-income countries, economic prosperity and decent work, trade, gender, children and youth, disaggregated data, climate change, DRR, prevention and response to future health crises, localization, role of science and rapid technology change.
- Assessing each goal under in-depth discussion (1, 2, 3, 8,10, 12, 13, 16, 17 as well as 2020 targets) and impact of COVID and recommendations for the way forward for each of the goals and for 2020 targets) Addressing the interlinkages with other goals and the 2030 Agenda.

#### **IV. Accelerated Actions**

- Call for accelerated actions to achieve the SDGs as part of recovering better from the pandemic, reaffirming the ten accelerated action area from SDG political declaration.
- Encouraging action-oriented outcomes for the major events of the GA and the SG in 2021-2022.
- Highlights of successful policies in this regard and recommendations to all relevant actors and at all levels for sustainable recovery from the pandemic, underlining the importance of means of implementation, institutions, disaggregated data and statistics, local action, strengthening science-policy interface, measures to scale up innovations with global reach and partnerships, multi-stakeholder approaches.
- Enhanced UN role and the response of the UN system in light of the new realities post COVID-19.
- Use the key findings and evidence extracted from the VNRs in supporting the implementation and accelerated actions for the decade of action and delivery.