



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



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Excellency,

On the occasion of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), we have the honor to invite your Minister/Head of Delegation to the Ministerial Luncheon “*Translating the 2030 Agenda into national sustainable development realities: regional perspectives*”, to be held in the Delegates Dining Room at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 17 July 2019 at 1:15 – 2:45 pm. The Ministerial Luncheon is hosted jointly by the President of ECOSOC, H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations, and the Executive Secretaries of the five United Nations Regional Commissions (ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA and UNECE).

Four years into the 2030 Agenda, all regions have embraced the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with countries around the globe adopting national strategies and plans and adapting their institutions to the requirements of the 2030 sustainable development paradigm. Although there are encouraging signs of action, data show that progress is still slow and uneven, both within and between regions. The Ministerial Luncheon aims to build on the official HLPF programme and to provide a space for interactive exchange on trends, lessons learned and experiences from different regions. It will seek to identify policy responses that can make a tangible difference in diverse country and regional settings, demonstrate the key role of regional cooperation and integration in advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and generate momentum towards the historic SDGs Summit in September.

With a view to ensuring a lively and open interaction during the luncheon, we look forward to the participation of your Minister/Head of Delegation. A draft concept note is attached herewith for your information. Kindly confirm your participation to Ms. Maria Dada, Regional Commissions New York Office (e-mail: dadam@un.org; tel.: 212 963 6759) at your earliest convenience and no later than **8 July 2019**. Registration to the Luncheon can also be done at: <http://rcnyomeetings.org/hlpf2019/>

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

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President of ECOSOC

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