



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 September 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to be held at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, 22 September 2021, in the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters, New York, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/320. The high-level meeting will be held under the theme “Reparations, racial justice and equality for people of African descent” and will consist of an opening plenary meeting, two consecutive round tables and a closing plenary meeting.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 75/320, the round tables will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. and will take place in Conference Rooms 1-2-3. Delegations will have the opportunity to participate in-person or provide pre-recorded video statements.

The list of speakers for the two round tables will open for inscription on Monday, **13 September, at 10 a.m.**, EDT with a deadline of Thursday, **16 September, at 5 p.m.** EDT. Member States, Observer States and the European Union are invited to inscribe on the list of speakers at <https://edelegate.un.int> indicating their preference for participation in the morning or the afternoon round table.

A limited number of other observers of the General Assembly and representatives of entities and experts of the United Nations system will be accommodated in each of the round tables. Those wishing to inscribe are invited to email Ms. Yasmine Laabas [email: laabas@un.org].

To allow for maximum participation within the limited time available, statements at the round tables will be limited to three minutes for Member States and two minutes for other participants. Also, in view of the limited time available for the round tables, pre-recorded video statements will be played without introductions by a representative physically present in the room.

All Permanent Representatives and
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New York

The provisional list of speakers will be determined on a first come, first served basis, based on the level of representation with priority given to Heads of State and Government and will be in accordance with the established practices of the General Assembly, while taking into account the indicated preference. The provisional list of speakers for each round table will be made available prior to the meeting. Details on the submission of the pre-recorded video statements including technical specifications will be circulated in due course.

In accordance with paragraph 7 (c) of the resolution, there will be up to four (4) speaking slots allotted for participation of other stakeholders in each round table.

A provisional programme and further details regarding the high-level meeting will be communicated in due course.

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



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