



Permanent Mission of Finland  
to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Iraq  
to the United Nations

19 February 2021

Excellency,

In accordance with the letter dated 4 February 2021 of His Excellency Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council, appointing us as co-facilitators to lead consultations on the Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Segment of the 2021 Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum (HLPF) on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, we have the honour to transmit herewith the outline of the timetable for the negotiations of the Ministerial Declaration. As outlined in the timeline, we intend to start the process in March and conclude the negotiations by the end of June to allow for sufficient time to reach consensus.

To start the process, we would welcome the opportunity to consult with regional groups in the first week of March to hear initial views on expectations for the process and outcome of the negotiations. We are also available for any delegation or group who would like to share advice or preliminary views. Notwithstanding these informal conversations, we are committed to conduct an open, inclusive and transparent consultation process.

We will rely on your support and cooperation in working together to achieve an ambitious outcome of the 2020-21 ECOSOC cycle and 2021 HLPF, with the focus on recovering better in the Decade of Action and Delivery.

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

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to the United Nations

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Permanent Representative of Iraq  
to the United Nations

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**Roadmap for the intergovernmental negotiations on the preparation of the ministerial declaration for the 2021 High-level segment of ECOSOC and 2021 HLPF**

Date	Time	Activity	Means
1-5 March	TBD	5 rounds of briefing by the co-facilitators with the 5 regional groups on the roadmap and sharing of expectations of the 5 regional groups.	Video Conference
5 March Friday	COB	Invitation to member states for written inputs for the outline by 12 March	Email
12 March Friday	COB	Deadline to receive the written inputs on the draft outline	Email
15 March Monday	COB	Invitation for views on the outline on 7 April	Email
18 March	TBC	Meeting organized by DESA with the Major groups and Stakeholders	VC
22 March Monday	COB	Issuance of a draft outline for the consideration of HLPF membership	Email
7 April Wednesday	10:00 am	Virtual informal consultations with the entire HLPF membership, regarding the draft outline and deadline to receive inputs on the MD by Monday, 12 April	VC
16 April Friday	COB	<b>Release of zero draft by Co- facilitators</b>	Email
22 April Thursday	03:00 pm	1st round of informal consultations and deadline of 26 April to send written comments on the zero draft	VC
3 May Monday	COB	<b>Release of first review draft by Co- facilitators</b>	Email
10 May Monday	03:00 pm	2nd round of informal consultations and deadline to send comments by 14 May	VC
21 May Friday	COB	<b>Release of a second review draft by Co- facilitators</b>	Email
01 June Tuesday	10:00 am	3rd round of informal consultations	VC

10 June Thursday	TBC	4 <sup>th</sup> round of informal consultations if needed	VC
17 June Thursday	TBC	Proposed Informal-informal round of consultations if needed	
24 June Thursday	COB	<b>Release of a final draft by Co-facilitators, and putting the text under silence procedure until 30 June COB</b>	Email
30 June Monday	COB	Text agreed by silence procedure	Email
15 July Thursday		<b>Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration</b>	In-person