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OF SOUTH AFRICA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as the co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to consult with Member States on the preparatory process for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly, which will take place in September 2023.

We would like to thank delegations for participating actively and sharing their expectations for the High-level Dialogue during the first meeting on 1 March 2023. We were encouraged by your support for the process and by your commitment to engage constructively towards a meaningful High-level Dialogue, which can help close the SDG financing gap.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 1 May 2023 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Please note that we have adjusted the date of this meeting to avoid an overlap with the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) taking place on 3-4 May 2023. An updated version of the roadmap for our consultations is enclosed with this letter.

The aim of the meeting on 1 May will be to consult with Member States on the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue. Delegations may wish to reflect upon and address in their interventions the following guiding questions we would like to offer:

1. What are the main topics to be discussed at the High-level Dialogue in your view? Based on the discussions at the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up, are there specific areas of progress or implementation gaps on which the High-level Dialogue should focus?
2. What should be the objectives and added value of the High-level Dialogue? How can we ensure that the High-level Dialogue complements and builds on the SDG Summit? What should be its role on the path towards the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development, which the General Assembly decided to consider convening in 2025? What would constitute the most effective results for the High-level Dialogue to ensure the greatest impact on financing for development?
3. What format should the High-level Dialogue take? How can we make best use of the convening power of the UN during high-level week to promote financing for development? Who are the most important stakeholders to include in this High-level Dialogue?

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers
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Your views will help us to prepare the draft outline for the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue.

For further information, your delegation may contact our experts Mr Sibusiso Mpama from the Mission of South Africa (MpamaS@dirco.gov.za) and Mr Thomas Lammar from the Mission of Luxembourg (thomas.lammar@mae.etat.lu).

We remain at the disposal of delegations throughout this process, and we look forward to your continued active participation and support in the coming months as we work together to prepare a meaningful High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development.

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

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H.E. Mr Olivier Maes
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Luxembourg
to the United Nations

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with the letters 'MM' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

H.E. Ms Mathu Joyini
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of South Africa
to the United Nations

**Roadmap for the consultations on the preparatory process for the
High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development in September 2023**

Date	Activity	Format
1 March	Briefing on the roadmap and sharing of expectations by Member States	In-person
26 April	Town hall meeting with stakeholders on expectations for the High-level Dialogue	Virtual
1 May	Consultations with Member States on the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue	In-person
9 May	Sharing of the draft outline for the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue	Email
22 May	Consultations with Member States on the draft outline for the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue	In-person
26 May	Town hall meeting with stakeholders on the preparation for the High-level Dialogue	Virtual
7 June	Sharing of the updated outline for the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue	Email
14 June	Deadline to submit final written feedback by Member States	Email
21 June	Sharing of the final outline for the scope, format and programme of the High-level Dialogue	Email