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AGENDA

12 May 2025	
9:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:30	High-Level Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message) H.E. Mr. Giorgio Silli, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy H. E. Mr. Philémon Yang, President of the General Assembly H.E. Mr. Robert Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO) <p>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Maurizio Massari, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations</p>
10:30 - 12:30	Panel 1: Stocktaking progress on SDG 16: Assessing achievements and challenges <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Jorge Rodrigo Araújo Messias, Attorney General of the Union, Brazil

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Lady Justice Philomena Mwilu, Deputy Chief Justice and Vice President, Supreme Court of Kenya • Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director, UNODC (video message) • Mr. Helder Da Costa, General Secretary, g7+ Secretariat • Ms. Daniela Barba, Director of Research on Access to Justice, World Justice Project • Ms. Lynrose Jane D. Genon, Executive Council Member, Young Women+ Leaders for Peace – The Philippines (YW+PL-PH) <p>Interactive dialogue with Member States and Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)</p>
12:30- 13:00	<p>Presentation of the 2025 Rome Civil Society Declaration on SDG16+</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Manal Benani, Sustainable Cooperation for Peace & Security (SCPS) / Africa Europe Foundation • Ms. Natalia Peláez Pérez, Founder and Director, Fundación LATIR • Mr. Musa Ansumana Soko, Youth Partnership for Peace and Development / WASH-Net • Mr. Andrews Kananga, Executive Director, Legal Aid Forum Rwanda • Ms. Mojisola Akinsanya, Executive Director, Women for Peace & Gender Equality Initiative (WOPEGEE) • Mr. Zia Ur-Rehman, Coordinator, Asia Development Alliance <p>Moderator: Mr. John Romano, Director, TAP Network/Mr. Peter van Sluijs, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Expert and Coordinator, CSPPS</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 - 16:15	<p>Panel 2: The business case for investment in peaceful, just and inclusive societies</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Olivier Boucal, Minister of Public Service and Public Service Reform, Ministry of Public Service, Senegal • Hon. Hussein Thomasi, Solicitor General and Legal Secretary, Ministry of Justice, The Gambia • H.E. Ms. Anne Désirée Ouloto, Minister of Civil Service and Modernization of the Administration of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Haoliang Xu, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) • Ms. Müge Finkel, Associate Professor of International Development, Director of Ford Institute for Human Security, & Co-Director of Gender Inequality Research Lab (GIRL), School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), University of Pittsburgh • Ms. Liliane Adriko, Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Uganda) <p>Interactive dialogue with Member States and Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Margaret Williams, Associate Director, SDG16+ Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies</p>
16:15 - 17:30	<p>Panel 3: The way forward: Leveraging SDG 16 to accelerate progress on shared priorities in line with the Pact for the Future and other multilateral agreements and processes</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Thomas Zahneisen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations • Ms. Tashi Pem, Chairperson, Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan • Ms. Cristel Urquía Dubón, Deputy Mayor of Intibucá, Honduras • Ms. Rigbe Gebrehawaria, Commissioner for Women, Children, Older Persons, and Disability Rights at the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission • Ms. Luisa Franco Machado, Founder and Executive Director, EquiLabs and Young Leader for the SDGs (Brazil) <p>Interactive dialogue with Member States and Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA</p>
17:30 - 18:00	<p>Closing of the conference</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA • Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO <p>Moderator: H. E. Mr. Maurizio Massari, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations</p>

