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### AGENDA

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

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

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