Subject: Take part in the global review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - engage with the Sustainability Literacy Test (SULITEST) SDG Assessment

In September 2015, Heads of State and Governments adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – a new plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at its core. The 2030 Agenda recognises that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan.

Each year, representatives from governments, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, and civil society organizations meet in New York at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) - United Nations’ central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals – to review the global progress of the 2030 Agenda.

To support the follow-up and review of this Agenda, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through the Division for Sustainable Development, is collaborating with the organization Sustainability Literacy Test (SULITEST) to assess what students of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) around the world know about the SDGs. The results of the SULITEST SDG assessment will be showcased to participants of the 2017 meeting of HLPF at a special event titled “Higher Education Institutions - key drivers of the Sustainable Development Goals”, organized on 19 July 2017 by the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) – a collaborative UN partnership created in the lead-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development – Rio+20 – in 2012.

I welcome all students from Higher Education Institutions to fully engage with the SULITEST SDG assessment, the High-level Political Forum and the Higher Education Institutions - key drivers of the Sustainable Development Goals” special event. More information can be found at: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf

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