



Office of the President of the Philippines

STATEMENT

Participation of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level General Debate

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte will participate in the High-Level General Debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), which will take place on September 21-27, 2021.

The President will speak on the first day of the High-Level General Debate on 21 September 2021 within the 1600H-1800H window, New York time (22 September 2021 between 0400H and 0600H, Philippine Standard Time).

The United Nations General Assembly is the main deliberating organ of the UN where all the 193 Member States are represented.

The session's theme this year is: *"Building resilience through hope – to recover from COVID-19, rebuild sustainably, respond to the needs of the planet, respect the rights of people, and revitalize the United Nations."*

President Duterte will advance Philippine positions on global issues of key concern, such as universal access to COVID-19 vaccines, climate change, human rights, including the situation of migrant workers and refugees, and international and regional security developments.

The High-Level General Debate will be presided over by H.E. Abdulla Shahid of Maldives, the incoming President of the 76th UNGA. It will follow a hybrid format of in-person and virtual attendance of delegates, in view of the evolving situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **END**