



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

I have the honour to invite your government to participate in the 2025 High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held on 12-13 March 2025 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, under the theme “Transforming international development cooperation: from global dialogue to action.”

The landscape of international development cooperation has transformed dramatically since the adoption of the 2030 and the Addis Ababa Action Agendas in 2015, becoming more complex with new actors, modalities and instruments. The growing focus on global public goods and humanitarian emergencies, while crucial, has reduced support for countries’ long-term sustainable development priorities, including those of the most vulnerable. This rapidly changing landscape presents both opportunities and challenges that require coordinated action within the international community.

This year’s Forum will help forge practical solutions for enhancing the quality, effectiveness and impact of international development cooperation. Its recommendations will also support ongoing international discussions, including those in the context of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) to be held later this year in Seville, Spain. The meeting will be structured around four key areas: the core objectives of international development cooperation, emerging vulnerabilities, country-led approaches, and strengthening the international development cooperation architecture.

The DCF welcomes government representatives at the ministerial and director-general levels from all regions, alongside stakeholders from civil society, the private sector, philanthropy, local and regional governments, parliaments, international and regional organizations, and development banks. The Forum will include interactive discussions and provide multiple opportunities for dialogue and exchange of experiences.

The concept note and detailed programme will be available shortly on the event webpage. To facilitate planning, please kindly transmit the names of your senior officials and delegates participating in the Meeting to dcf@un.org by 12 February 2025.

For queries, please contact the organizing team in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Financing for Sustainable Development Office at dcf@un.org.

I look forward to your government’s participation.

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

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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