



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

26 November 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to the Special Meeting of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on “*Haiti’s Children Cannot Wait: Supporting Stability, Resilience and Prosperity in Haiti*”.

The Special Meeting will take place in person on Monday, 2 December 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In view of the dire situation facing young people in Haiti and the narrowing window of opportunity to address the multifaceted challenges in the country, ECOSOC will convene Member States, observers, UN partners as well as representatives from international financial institutions and civil society to discuss concrete actions to mobilize coordinated support for a comprehensive response to address the urgent needs of children, youth and their families as well as the root causes of vulnerability and instability in Haiti.

I would be honoured if you could personally participate and engage in an interactive dialogue with the panelists and the Council during the panel discussions. Please note that there will be no predetermined list of speakers. Comments and questions to panelists will be limited to 3 minutes. A concept note is attached for your further consideration. The draft programme will be circulated in due course.

For more information, your Office may wish to contact the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (email: desa-ijsb@un.org).

I thank you for your kind consideration and I look forward to your personal engagement.

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

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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