



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

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Excellency,

I have the honour to invite your delegation to participate in the United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, scheduled to take place from 15 to 17 April 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the theme of “*Youth at the forefront: Leveraging science and social inclusion for sustainable development.*”

The ECOSOC Youth Forum, which is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in close collaboration with the UN Youth Office and the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD), will offer young people a visible platform to engage with Member States, have their voices meaningfully heard and be included in the global dialogue on key issues affecting us all.

The Forum will be an opportunity to explore concrete actions and commitments to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on those under review at the 2025 HLPF, namely SDG 3 (Good health and well-being), SDG 5 (Gender equality), SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth), SDG 14 (Life below water) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Plenary thematic dialogues and regional breakout sessions will be organized to facilitate deeper discussions on advancing the 2030 Agenda, implementing the Pact for the Future, and contributing to different intergovernmental processes in 2025, including the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development and the Second World Summit for Social Development.

I very much encourage your delegation to consider your country’s participation in this important event at the Ministerial level. I am also pleased to invite you to nominate UN Youth Delegates from your country as part of your delegation. Ministers and Youth Delegates will be joined by participants from regional youth organizations, National Youth Councils, and youth-led or youth-focused networks, including those in consultative status with ECOSOC. Detailed information on the registration of your country’s minister or other high-level officials in the list of speakers will be shared in due course. The concept note and programme will also be shared shortly.

For further information, please contact Ms. Patricia Chaves (chavesp@un.org); Mr. Paul Simon (simonp@un.org); and Mr. Eric Balogu (ikechukwu.balogu@un.org) at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and Ms. Romeral Quintilla (gracia.ortizquintilla@un.org) in the UN Youth Office. For any additional information regarding the participation of UN Youth Delegates, please contact Mr. Kohei Yamada (kohei.yamada@un.org) in DESA.

I look forward to your delegation’s active participation in the 2025 ECOSOC Youth Forum.

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

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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