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Council



*Mission Permanente du Burundi  
auprès des Nations Unies*



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Excellency,

We are honored to invite you to participate in the 2025 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FFD Forum), to be held from 28 to 29 April 2025, and to the 4<sup>th</sup> Preparatory Committee session of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development, which will be held back-to-back from 30 April to 1 May 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

As the Secretary-General and the President of the Government of Spain noted in their letter of invitation to the Conference in Sevilla, the issues covered by the Conference and its preparatory process have both economic and political implications. Addressing them requires the attention of both Ministers of Finance and Foreign Affairs, and other pertinent Ministries.

With this in mind, this year, the FFD Forum will feature interactive Ministerial level fire-side chat discussions on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This will provide the opportunity to share your views on the most critical issues in financing for development and foster political momentum for the FFD4 Conference.

We would be highly grateful if you could confirm your participation via email to [ffdforum@un.org](mailto:ffdforum@un.org) by 1 April 2025. Should you have further questions, please contact the Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA at [ffdforum@un.org](mailto:ffdforum@un.org).

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

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