



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

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Excellency,

I have the honour of inviting you to the Special Meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Artificial Intelligence (AI), which will take place on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Harnessing the power of AI to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and bridging the digital divide are key priorities for the ECOSOC during its 2025 session. This Special Meeting will bring together Member States, UN system experts, private sector leaders, innovators, and civil society stakeholders to follow up on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, including the Global Digital Compact.

The Special Meeting will showcase the potential for AI to accelerate sustainable development in the Global South, paying special attention to the role of strategic investments, partnerships, and international cooperation in addressing foundational needs and capacity development. Through interactive dialogues that analyze AI's implications and possibilities for development, the meeting will explore how to build AI ecosystems that are accessible, inclusive, and beneficial for all.

A concept note and draft programme will be circulated in due course. Should you have further questions, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Ms. Ling Wang wang24@un.org and Ms. Filipa Correia correiaf@un.org).

I look forward to your personal and active engagement in this important event.

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

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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New York