



The Vice-President
of the
Economic and Social Council

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Excellency,

I am honoured to write you in my capacity as the Vice President in charge of the 2023 Economic and Social Council's Operational Activities for Development Segment (OAS) that will take place from 23 – 25 May 2023, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

I would like to thank all delegations for their active participation and contributions during our informal briefing on 6 April 2023. I have shared with you a roadmap of the United Nations Operational Activities for Development Segment, which outlines timing and milestones during the current session of the Economic and Social Council.

I am pleased to convene the second in-person informal briefing among Member States on **Tuesday, 9 May 2023, from 15.30 – 17.30 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber**. This briefing will provide an opportunity for Member States to prepare for the upcoming 2023 OAS, with a view to strengthening the Segment as the main accountability platform of the UN development system, as clearly mandated by the General Assembly.

In this briefing, I will be providing an update on the preparations of the 2023 OAS, with the overarching theme "*Guiding United Nations development system's support in response to interlinked crises and to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.*" The Deputy Secretary-General will provide a key summary of the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/233 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Group Chair's report on the Development Coordination Office and Resident Coordinator System.

Let me, also, advise that Member States interested in organising side-events, that would be held during the lunch break (1:45 - 2:25pm) at the 2023 OAS are kindly requested to complete the expression of interest form. The form is available on the 2023 OAS website (<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/2023-Operational-Activities-for-Development-Segment>). Completed forms are to be submitted to qcpr@un.org by 28 April 2023.

The 2023 OAS website will be updated regularly to contain the latest information, including on the 2023 OAS programme and preparations leading up to the day.

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

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Vice-President

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of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations