



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

31 January 2022

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite your government to participate in the 2022 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up (FfD Forum), to be held on 25-28 April 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic continues to seriously affect the world economy and the achievement of the SDGs. The risk of scarring is growing as the pandemic's impacts on production, employment, and poverty persist and deepen. Unequal access to vaccines, supply chain disruptions, inflationary pressures, and new virus variants pose significant risks. Shrinking fiscal space in many developing countries is limiting their ability to recover and invest in the 2030 Agenda.

As mandated by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the 2022 ECOSOC FfD Forum will provide an inclusive multilateral platform to advance policies for financing long-term sustainable development priorities and mobilize actions to support the most vulnerable countries in creating fiscal space and addressing the risks of permanent scarring. The level of ambition needed and the urgency to act in a context of elevated uncertainties call for the active engagement of Heads of State and Government and Ministers. Their participation at the FfD forum is strongly recommended and encouraged.

You are invited to confirm your government's participation in the Forum by responding to [ffdforum@un.org](mailto:ffdforum@un.org) by **1 March 2022**.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Collen Vixen Kelapile'.

H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile  
President of ECOSOC

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