



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

8 April 2022

Excellency,

I wish to refer to my letter dated 4 March 2022 inviting the participation of Member States to attend the Youth Forum of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), to be held in a virtual format on 19-20 April 2022.

The upcoming Youth Forum will address the theme of ECOSOC and the 2022 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) focusing primarily on “*Building back better from COVID- 19 while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda*”. It will provide a platform for young leaders to engage in a dialogue among themselves and with Member States on advancing youth priorities and vision at national, regional and global levels, with a view to ensuring a more sustainable and inclusive COVID-19 recovery. The Forum also aims to discuss concrete actions and commitments to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for in-depth review at the July 2022 High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development. The role and actions of youth have become more critical than ever in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the context of the pandemic. It will be important for the international community to prioritize the engagement of young people in actions that will affect their future and related decision-making.

To ensure that countries across the world are well represented at this Forum, I encourage Ministerial participation of your government to share your perspectives on the role of youth in implementing the SDGs at the national level. I invite you to also nominate a youth delegate(s) and/or youth representatives from your country to the Forum. They will be joined by a wide range of participants from the youth community, including other Member States’ youth representatives, the Major Group for Children and Youth, representatives of regional youth organizations, National Youth Councils as well as youth-led and youth-focused organizations and networks, including those in consultative status with ECOSOC.

Please find attached a concept note, which provides information about the objectives and format of the Youth Forum. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia Chaves (chavesp@un.org); Mr. Paul Simon (simonp@un.org); Ms. Marija Vasileva-Blazev (marija.vasileva-blazev@un.org); and Ms. Bianca Herzog (bianca.herzog@un.org).

I look forward to the active participation of your country at this important event as we collectively strengthen youth engagement in the United Nations and amplify their voices in a more inclusive multilateralism.

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

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President of ECOSOC

All Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations
