



**Message from H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of  
ECOSOC on the Occasion of the International Youth Day  
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I wish young people around the world a very happy International Youth Day! This is a day to celebrate the Youth and to also reaffirm the global commitment towards finding solutions to their challenges.

As President of ECOSOC, one of my eight priorities is the inclusion and involvement of the Youth in key activities of the Council. As we mark this special day, I look forward to hearing from the global Youth on how we can advance together the Youth Agenda and implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as we mount an effective response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Youth are changemakers and their contribution is essential to realizing the mandate of the Council.