



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

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the ninth annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum) which will be held on 9 and 10 May 2024.

The STI Forum is co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Christina Markus Lassen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations. The Co-Chairs will hold an in-person briefing about the Forum for Member States with details forthcoming.

The STI Forum - a key component of the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism established by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and launched by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - focuses on strengthening the contributions of science, technology and innovation to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will provide inputs to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be held from 8 to 17 July 2024.

Against this background and as in previous years, the theme of the STI Forum will be aligned with that of the HLPF and will thus be: *“Science, technology and innovation for reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”*. The STI Forum will also consider the five SDGs under review at the 2024 HLPF: Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere; Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts; Goal 16 - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

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Every year, the STI Forum brings together high-level policy makers and senior government officials with scientists, engineers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and representatives of organized science and technology communities, the UN system and international organizations. The Forum is a venue for facilitating the establishment of networks and the development, transfer, and dissemination of relevant technologies for the SDGs.

In particular, I encourage the participation of Ministers and senior officials, not only in science and technology, but also in planning, industrial development, education, research, food and agriculture, energy, environment and others. Eminent experts including chief scientists and technology advisers, heads of research institutions and academies of sciences and engineering in all relevant areas in the public and private sectors are likewise encouraged to participate.

For further information, please contact Mr. Wei Liu in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, liuw@un.org, and Mr. Juan Jose Martinez Badillo at UNCTAD New York Office, unctadnyo@un.org.

I look forward to your support and the active participation of your Government and stakeholders in the STI Forum.

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

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Paula Narváez
President of ECOSOC