



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

15 November 2021

Excellency,

Thank you very much for your kind words regarding my election as President of the Economic and Social Council, as well as your assurances of your full support for the strengthening of the Council.

I would also like to thank you for your willingness to co-Chair the seventh STI Forum together with the Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Kennedy Godfrey Gastorn. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your leadership and support in ensuring the success of the STI Forum in 2022 by Ukraine.

The on-going crisis has shown the unique value of science, technology and innovation (STI) in protecting people's lives and in realizing the SDGs. I firmly believe that STI, when properly harnessed, can bring about the transformative change needed for the success of the 2030 Agenda.

I am also pleased to invite your country to make a presentation at the SDG Investment Fair during the 2022 ECOSOC Session.

I am looking forward to your continuing support towards the STI Forum, and I am confident that with your and Tanzanian further engagement, we will continue to enhance the impact of STI on the SDGs. I also look forward to a successful Forum under your able leadership and to working with you on these and other important ECOSOC initiatives.

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

Collen Vixen Kelapile  
President of ECOSOC

His Excellency  
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