



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

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the seventh, annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum) which will be held on 5 and 6 May 2022.

The STI Forum will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Kennedy Godfrey Gastorn, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations. The Co-Chairs will hold a briefing for Member States on Tuesday 18 January 2022, 11:00am-12:15pm, EST, on a virtual platform. More detailed information about the briefing will be provided on the Forum's website (<https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2022>), the United Nations Journal, and the e-deleGATE platform.

The STI Forum - as a key component of the UN Technology Facilitation Mechanism launched by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - facilitates discussions on science, technology and innovation and cooperation in support of SDGs implementation. It will provide inputs to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be held from 5 to 15 July 2022. 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 building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*.

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. In particular, I encourage the participation of Ministers, senior officials and eminent experts in all relevant areas - not only in science and technology but also in planning, industrial development, education, research, environment and others – including chief science and technology advisers, heads of research institutions and academies of sciences and engineering.

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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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