



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

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the eighth annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum), which will be held on 3 and 4 May 2023 at UN Headquarters in New York.

The STI Forum will be co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Thomas Woodroffe, United Kingdom Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council.

The Co-Chairs will hold an in-person briefing for Member States on Friday, 13 January 2022, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM, EST. More detailed information about the briefing, including the venue, will be provided on the Forum's website (<https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2023>), 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 multi-stakeholder 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 10 to 19 July 2023. 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 accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels"*.

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 in the STI Forum, along with senior officials and eminent experts in all relevant areas - not only in science and technology but also in planning, industrial development, education, research, the environment and others – including chief science and technology advisers, heads of research institutions and academies of sciences and engineering.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lachezara Stoeva', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lachezara Stoeva
President of ECOSOC