



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

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the **tenth annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum)** which will take place on **7 and 8 May 2025**, at United Nations headquarters in New York.

Every year, the STI Forum brings together high-level policy makers and senior government officials with scientists, engineers, young innovators, entrepreneurs, the UN system and international organizations. Under the theme “*Advancing sustainable, inclusive, and evidence-based, science and technology solutions and innovations for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind*”, the Forum will consider the five SDGs under review at the 2025 HLPF: Goal 3 (Good health and well-being); Goal 5 (Gender equality); Goal 8 (Decent work and economic growth); Goal 14 (Life below water); and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the goals).

The STI Forum will be co-chaired by H.E. Omar Hilale, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations and H.E. Elina Kalkku, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations. The Co-Chairs will hold an in-person briefing about the Forum for Member States and stakeholders with details forthcoming.

I encourage the participation of Ministers and senior officials, not only in science and technology, but also in other sectors. Chief scientists and technology advisers, heads of research institutions and academies 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, or visit the Forum’s website: <https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2025>.

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

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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