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Excellency,

Further to the [letter](#) from the President of ECOSOC, His Excellency Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, we have the pleasure to invite you to a [Briefing for Member States and Stakeholders](#) on the 11<sup>th</sup> Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum). **The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 4 March 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (EST), in Conference Room 2 (CR-2)** at United Nations Headquarters in New York and will allow for Member States and Stakeholders to be updated on progress towards preparation for the STI Forum.

The 2026 STI Forum will be held on 6 and 7 May 2026 under the auspices of ECOSOC under the theme: *“Transformative, equitable and coordinated science, technology and innovation for the 2030 Agenda and a sustainable future for all”*. The STI Forum has become a venue for facilitating the establishment of networks, for strengthening the science-policy interface, and for promoting the development and dissemination of science, technology and innovation for the SDGs.

We strongly encourage the participation of **all Member States and relevant stakeholders** at the STI-Forum in May. In particular, we encourage the participation of Ministers and senior officials, not only from science and technology ministries, but also other ministries, as well as participation from research institutions, the private sector, academia, technical and scientific communities, and civil society, to exchange ideas and explore opportunities for collaboration. We are looking forward to an inclusive and dynamic STI Forum in May.

We look forward to your presence at the briefing on 4 March 2026 and your active engagement in the preparations for the 2026 STI Forum.

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



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