



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

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Excellency,

I am writing to invite you to the inaugural ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up, to be held from 18 to 20 April 2016 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Forum will include the Special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

The theme of the Forum will be “Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.” According to its mandate, the Forum will address the follow-up and review of the Financing for Development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The modalities of participation will be those utilized at the international conferences on financing for development.

Participation of your Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation, or Foreign Affairs, or Central Bank Governor will be greatly appreciated. All ministers attending the meeting will be invited to intervene during the inaugural segment on Monday, 18 April 2016. There will also be an interactive dialogue between UN Ambassadors and Executive Directors of the World Bank and IMF. The next two days of the Forum will include a series of multi-stakeholder round tables, which will feature more focused, expert-level discussions.

The Forum will result in intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations that will be fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

The concept note containing the modalities of the Forum has been posted on the Forum webpage (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd-follow-up/ecosoc-ffd-forum.html>) and we would welcome your constructive comments regarding the Forum by Friday, 18 March 2016. A more detailed information note, including the programme, will be circulated at a later date.

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

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