



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

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the sixth Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum) which will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 4 to 5 May 2021 and will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Andrejs Pildgovičs, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations.

The STI Forum, as a key component of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, is mandated to facilitate discussions on science, technology and innovation cooperation in support of SDGs implementation. The Forum will provide inputs to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be held from 6 to 15 July 2021, under the theme of “*Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development*”. The theme of the 2021 STI forum will mirror that of the HLPF, with a focus on the role and contribution of science, technology and innovation.

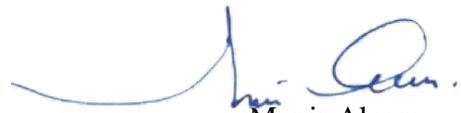
The STI Forum will bring together scientists, innovators, entrepreneurs, high-level policy makers and representatives from civil society and international organizations. I encourage the participation of Ministers from relevant fields such as industry, education, economics, environment, rural development, food and agriculture, governance and equality advancement; as well as chief scientists, chief technology advisers or heads of national research institutions of your Government, to strengthen the discussions and interactions at the STI Forum.

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 experts and other stakeholders in this Forum.

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



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