



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

2017 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up

3 March 2017

Excellency,

I am writing to invite you to the second ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up, to be held from 22 to 25 May 2017 at 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. It 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. 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 in the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The tentative programme is attached. A more detailed version, as well as an information note, will be circulated at a later date.

The Forum will feature a Ministerial segment, to be held on 22 and 23 May 2017. Accordingly, participation of your Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and/or Development Cooperation will be greatly appreciated. In addition to the general debate, the meeting will include ministerial round tables on the overall theme of “Steps taken towards implementation of commitments contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other Financing for Development outcomes”.

I would invite you to kindly submit your nomination for participation in the ministerial round tables by 21 April 2017 to Ms. Bernadette Silungisile Ntaba, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the United Nations (email: Bernadette.zimfa@gmail.com; tel.: 212-980-9511, ext. 231) with a copy to Ms. Dominika Halka, Chief, Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail: halka@un.org; tel.: 212-963-6653).

In addition, Members and observers of the Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, in writing, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Jose Rene Tanoy; email: tanoy@un.org; room S-1291).

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

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