



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

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Dear Babacar Diop,

I have the honour to invite you to attend the 2023 United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, to be held in a hybrid format at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 25 to 27 April 2023 under the theme, “*Accelerating the COVID-19 recovery and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda with and for youth*”.

The 2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum will provide a platform for young leaders from around the world to engage in dialogue among themselves and with United Nations Member States and share ideas for advancing the youth development agenda at national, regional and global levels. The Forum will also serve as a unique space for young people to share their vision and recommendations for consideration at major upcoming United Nations meetings, including the 2023 Economic and Social Council, the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and the SDG Summit, which will take place in September 2023.

The Forum is a key platform for youth participation in the work of the United Nations. It gives young people a voice in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Member States’ youth delegates, young parliamentarians and other youth leaders, as well as Ministers of Youth, have regularly participated at the Forum to exchange views on global solutions and to create an inclusive, sustainable and prosperous future for all.

The Forum is jointly organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the Secretary General’s Envoy on Youth (OSGEY), in collaboration with the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) and the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO).

The concept note outlining the objectives and format of the Forum, as well as other relevant documentation, will be available on the Forum’s official webpage (<https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/2023-ecosoc-youth-forum>).

I would be grateful if you could confirm your in-person or virtual participation by filling out the required online registration form (<https://forms.gle/VNFEh1X1oeD5Jx3z6>) no later than 31 March 2023. Please do not share the link of the registration form to non-invitees. Should you have any questions, you may wish to contact Ms. Patricia Chaves and Mr. Paul Simon in the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination/UNDESA, as well as Ms. Marija Vasileva-Blazev and Ms. Bianca Herzog from the Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth (E-mail: ECOSOCYouthForum@un.org).

I look forward to your valuable participation and contribution to the 2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum.

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