



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

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2018 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up

Excellency,

I am writing to invite you to the third ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up, to be held from 23 to 26 April 2018 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The 2018 Forum will be held back-to-back with the 2018 Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group in Washington DC (20-22 April 2018). As mandated, 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. It 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 modalities of participation will be those utilized at the 2017 Forum and 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 23 and 24 April 2018. 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”. Furthermore, on the eve of the Forum (22 April 2018), a “SDG Investment Fair” will showcase initiatives and activities on scaling up investment in SDGs and promote policy dialogue between government and private sector representatives. The flyer for the SDGI Fair is also attached.

I would invite you to kindly submit your nomination for participation in the ministerial round tables by 23 March 2018 to Mr. Jiří Muchka, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations (email: Jiri_Muchka@mzv.cz; tel.: 646-981-4001) with a copy to Mr. Huanyu Liu, Chief of Unit, FfD Forum Unit, Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Branch, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail: liuh@un.org; tel.: 917-367-2902) and Ms. Isabel Tañedo, Programme Assistant (e-mail: tanedo@un.org; tel.: 212-963-0500).

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

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