



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

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Dear Zirui Jay,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2024 United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 to 18 April 2024, as an in-person meeting. The theme for the Forum will be *"Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of crises."*

The 2024 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 to 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 United Nations meetings, including meetings of the 2024 Economic and Social Council, the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF) and the Summit of the Future.

The Forum is a 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 UN Youth Office (UNYO), 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 shortly on the Forum's official webpage (<https://ecosoc.un.org/en/what-we-do/ecosoc-youth-forum/about-youth-forum/ecosoc-youth-forum-2024>).

To confirm your participation, please fill out the required online registration form at [REDACTED] no later than 31 March 2024. Please do not share this link for the registration with non-invitees. Due to limited seating in the conference rooms at the UN Headquarters, please register only if you are certain of being able to fully cover your travel expenses and accommodation in New York. Please be advised that registration will not guarantee participation until you receive an email confirming that your registration has been reviewed and approved.

Should you have any questions, you may wish to contact Mr. Paul Simon in the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination/UNDESA, as well as Ms. Marija Vasileva-Blazev or Ms. Bianca Herzog from the United Nations Youth Office (E-mail: ECOSOCYouthForum@un.org).

I look forward to your valuable participation and contribution to the 2024 ECOSOC Youth Forum.

Sincerely,

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President
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