



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

10 May 2016

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 5 April 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention to the progress in the preparation of the first multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum), which I have been mandated to convene in my capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council.

The STI Forum is scheduled to take place at UN Headquarters in New York on 6-7 June 2016. I hope this first STI Forum is truly innovative and interactive, fully supporting the Technology Facilitation Mechanism and advancing STIs for SDGs.

To this end, I would like to emphasize the great importance of participation of the leading scientists, experts in technology, and innovators, who can enrich the discussions and highlight concrete ways in which science, technology and innovation can contribute to achieve the SDGs.

I also would like to encourage the participation of a Minister of science and technology or related field, chief scientists, or chief technology advisers of your Government to facilitate the concrete and interactive nature of the STI Forum. I would also like to encourage you to include in your delegation young scientists, who represent the generation that will take the lead in the implementation of the SDGs.

You can find more information with regard to participation at the Technology Facilitation Mechanism website at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/TFM/STIForum> (see attachment).

I am looking forward to your support and the active participation of your Government in this Forum.

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

Oh Joon
President of ECOSOC

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and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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