



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

10 Mar 2026

Dear Aneesh Addula,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2026 **United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum**, to be held in-person from **14 to 16 April 2026** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the theme "*Innovate, Unite and Transform: Youth Shaping the Road to 2030*".

The ECOSOC Youth Forum is convened by the President of ECOSOC and organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in close collaboration with the United Nations Youth Office (UNYO), the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD), the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO), with technical input from youth organizations relevant to the theme of the forum.

The ECOSOC Youth Forum will offer young people an important opportunity to engage with Member States and contribute to the global dialogue on key issues affecting us all. It will provide space to explore concrete actions and commitments to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particular focus on those under review at the 2026 High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), namely SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Plenary thematic dialogues and regional breakout sessions will facilitate in-depth discussions on advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and contributing to key intergovernmental processes in 2026, including the 2026 United Nations Water Conference and the World Urban Forum, as well as the implementation of the Pact for the Future and the outcomes of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development and the Second World Summit for Social Development.

The draft programme, concept note, and other relevant documentation will be available on the [Forum's webpage](#). For any questions, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination/DESA through the [Form](#).

I look forward to your valuable participation and contribution to the 2026 ECOSOC Youth Forum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lok Bahadur Thapa'.

Lok Bahadur Thapa
President of ECOSOC

Aneesh Addula

Representative of MGCY