



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

9 July 2026

Dear Mr. Belen,

I am pleased to invite you to brief the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the twenty-first session of the United Nations Forum on Forests during the forthcoming meeting of the management segment of the Council, to take place in person at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 21 July 2026, beginning at 3:00 p.m. (N.Y. time).

In presenting the outcome of your subsidiary body, you may wish to recall that General Assembly resolution [75/290 A](#) requested subsidiary bodies to further enhance their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, bearing in mind their respective specific functions and mandates. You may also wish to show how the outcome of your subsidiary body strengthens the impact of the work of the Council as well as how it reflects follow up actions taken to implement the recommendations made in the 2022 review of the work of the functional commissions and expert bodies.

The draft programme of the 2026 July management segment will be available shortly.

As the management segment has a full programme, presenters are kindly requested to limit their introductory statement to a maximum of 4 minutes, to manage the meeting time effectively.

It would be highly appreciated if you could kindly send a copy of your remarks or talking points to estatements@un.org copying correiaf@un.org at least two hours in advance of the start of the meeting to facilitate interpretation.

Kindly confirm your attendance to Ms. Filipa Correia, Economic Affairs Officer (correiaf@un.org) copying Ms. Melody Cruz (cruz@un.org) in the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs **by 16 July 2026**.

Given the limitations on virtual participation, I encourage in-person participation, if possible. In the event that you are not able to attend the meeting in person, the Secretariat will reach out to you with options for participation.

Yours sincerely,

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