

2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum
30 January 2024
Trusteeship Chamber Council, UNHQ

Information Note

The 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held on 30 January 2024 under the 2024 HLPF/ECOSOC theme¹. The Forum will place a special emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals that will be reviewed at the 2024 HLPF: Goal 1 (No Poverty); Goal 2 (Zero Hunger); Goal 13 (Climate Action); Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions); and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Side events will be held on the margins of the Forum on the same day.

Concept Note / Programme

The most up-to-date **concept note**, which contains the **latest programme**, is accessible from [here](#).

Meeting Website:

For details about the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, please visit the website at:

<https://sdgs.un.org/2024ECOSOCPartnershipForum>

Format

- The **opening, plenary and closing** sessions, which will be chaired by the President of ECOSOC, will be held in-person in the Trusteeship Council Chamber in the Conference Building, UNHQ in New York and will be broadcast live on [UN web TV](#).

During the plenary session, speakers from Member States, observers, UN entities and stakeholders will alternate taking the floor to outline their priorities and recommendations in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as their experiences of, and recommendations for effective partnerships.

➤ **Member states, observers and UN entities:**

There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the plenary session (10:30 am – 1:00 pm). In order to request the floor, delegations are requested to press the button on the console. Given the limited time available, interventions in the plenary should be limited to 3 minutes or less. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including through the muting of microphones once the time limit is reached.

Written copies of all statements delivered during the plenary sessions should be sent to estatements@un.org at least two hours in advance of delivery. The subject line of the email should clearly identify the date and time of the meeting at which the intervention will be delivered. Interpretation for statements not sent in advance may be impacted or suspended.

➤ **Non-governmental organizations and other non-state stakeholders**

¹ “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”

Time permitting, representatives from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC will be invited to make short interventions (no more than 2 minutes, maximum 300 words) during the plenary session.

NGOs in consultative status were able to express their interest in making a statement only through an open call circulated by UN DESA in early January 2024. Almost 230 applications were received. Considering the limited number of speaking slots, preference was given to statements to be made on behalf of groups of organizations/constituencies/major groups. Selected speakers have been contacted by the Secretariat with appropriate guidance.

- The Forum will also include four **SDG action segments**, each dedicated to one of the Goals slated for review during the High-level Political Forum in 2024, namely Goal 1, Goal 2, Goal 13, and Goal 16. The segments will include both in-person and virtual participation of panelists. The action segments will focus on scaling up concrete and innovative partnerships that drive SDG implementation while highlighting their crucial role in fostering collaborative, concrete actions. Action segments are organized by partners from within the UN system and other relevant stakeholders.
- **Side Events** will be held in person / and in virtual formats on the margins of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum from 8:15 am – 9:30 am EDT (virtual only) and 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm EDT (on-site / virtual). Side events are organized by Member States, UN entities and stakeholders. A full list of side events and contact details will be available on the Forum's [website](#).

Interpretation

Interpretation in all six official languages of the United Nations will be available for the opening, plenary and closing sessions. The SDG Action Segments and side events will be held in English only.

Documentation

All documentation is posted on the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum: <https://sdgs.un.org/2024ECOSOCPartnershipForum#documentation>

Access to the UNHQ and Special Events Ticket (SET)

All in-person participants MUST be in possession of either a **valid UN grounds pass** or a **Special Events Ticket (SET)** issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters.

If you have a valid UN grounds pass: no action is needed. You can use your grounds pass to enter the UNHQ.

If you do not have a UN ground pass AND you have registered for a Special Events Ticket, please **bring your government-issued photo ID (must be issued by a UN Member State)** to **collect your ticket** at the following location/time:

When: **Tuesday, 30 January, 8.45 am – 11:00 am**

Where: **UN Visitors Center, 801 1ST Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (West side of 1st Avenue between 45th and 46th streets)**

Please note: you can only collect your SETs during the above time window. The Secretariat will not be able to facilitate any late-comers/requests.

Please, be prepared for lines to collect SETs and for security screening.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Access to the Opening Session and the Plenary in the Trusteeship Council Chamber

- Due to the large number of registrations received, a **Secondary Access Pass** is required for NGOs and other stakeholders (both those with a UN Grounds Pass and SET holders) to access the Trusteeship Council Chamber during the Opening Session and the morning plenary (10 a.m. -1 p.m.)
- Secondary Access Pass will be distributed by UN Secretariat staff at the “Sputnik” area in the visitors’ lobby after the security screening, on a **first-come first-served basis**, starting at 9:15am on 30 January until all Secondary Access Passes have been distributed. When you arrive at the lobby area, please look for UN staff holding a “2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum” sign.
- Each participant can collect **only one** Secondary Access Pass. Secondary Access Passes are transferable among participants.
- No Secondary Access Pass is required to access the SDG Action Segment sessions held in the afternoon of 30 January or side-events.
- After collecting a Secondary Access Pass, stakeholders should proceed to the 3rd floor to access the Trusteeship Council Chamber (TRI) using the escalators that are located near the UN guided tours area. Participants with mobility issues may pass the security door at the end of visitors’ hall and take elevator to second floor, provided they have communicated it to the secretariat in advance. (Click on [map](#)).
- Please note that all sessions of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be on [webcast](#).

Outcome

The key messages and recommendations of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be presented to inspire the discussions at the ECOSOC Coordination Segment taking place on the following two days, on 31 January and 1 February. A consolidated analytical summary will be prepared by the Council President, in consultation with the Bureau, to capture the key policy messages of the Forum and those of the Coordination Segment. The summary will serve as input to the July 2024 HLPF, under the auspices of the Council, and the September 2024 Summit of the Future, under the auspices of the General Assembly, as well as the overall work of the ECOSOC and other key intergovernmental processes throughout 2024.

The **joint summary** will be available at the 2024 Partnership Forum website [here](#) under “Documentation” tab.

Social media outreach

Participants are invited to use the resources listed on the website to promote the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum. The hashtag of the event is: **#Partnership4SDGs**. Please join us to keep the conversation going on all our social media platforms:

- Twitter: [@SustDev](#) - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SustDev/>

Accessibility

Participants are requested to inform the Secretariat, in advance, of their accessibility requirements. For any enquiries regarding available assistive tools, please contact the Accessibility Centre (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org; phone: 212 963 7348/9). More information is available [here](#).

Forum Secretariat / Contacts

Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) functions as the Forum’s Secretariat, in coordination with General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (GAEAD) of Department of General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), while informal SDG Action Segments are organized by select partners.

Contacts:

- **Plenary session:** ecosocplace@un.org
- **All other queries:** dsdg@un.org (“Partnership Forum” as a subject line).

ANNEX: Additional Information

Passport and VISA requirements:

Each participant is personally responsible for obtaining necessary entry visa(s) for travel to and from the meeting venue. Please ensure that the necessary arrangements are made in a timely fashion to obtain a US visa, as appropriate. Information regarding US visa can be found on this website: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>.

Where to Eat:

Participants can purchase food and beverages at the UN Cafes inside the UNHQ.

Riverview Cafeteria

Conference Building - 4th Floor South
Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Visitors Café

General Assembly - 1st Basement South
Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vienna Café

General Assembly – 1st Basement South
Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Alternatively, you may choose to dine at one of the many restaurants located in close proximity to the UN. Should you decide to leave the UN premises, your name-specific special event ticket will enable you to re-enter, but you will need to go through security screening again.

ATM:

The United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) has cash machines (ATMs) inside the United Nations Headquarters.

Medical Services:

Participants are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements, including life, health and other forms deemed appropriate. Make sure that you are covered by your health insurance provider during your stay. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay.

Accessibility:

The United Nations Headquarters is accessible for disabled visitors and persons with limited mobility.

Other relevant information at UNHQ:

- **Please bring your own water bottle!** Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle and to enjoy the fresh water from the fountains inside the UNHQ.
- No food, drinks or backpacks and bags larger than 14" (35 cm) x 13" (33cm) high x 4" (10 Cm) will not be allowed through UN Security. Please note that there are no storage facilities at UNHQ.

- Cameras and other media equipment are NOT allowed through UN Security unless prior arrangements for approval have been made through session organizers.
- Demonstrations and items such as flags, banners, signs, posters and flyers are prohibited on UN premises.
- Please, be mindful that, by attending the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum you will be entering an area where photography, as well as audio and video recording, may occur. By joining the event, participants consent to appearing in images and recordings and for the release, publication, exhibition and reproduction of such images and recordings.
- The United Nations Headquarters is a workplace for delegates and staff. Participants are reminded to behave appropriately, to keep noise levels down and to dress in a way that respects the professional working environment of the United Nations.
- United Nations Security reserves the right to deny entry or remove from the premises anyone not behaving or dressed appropriately.
- Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone.

Planning your Travel:

Registered participants are personally responsible for arranging their travel to and from New York City and for obtaining the necessary entry visa(s) for travel to and from the meeting venue. Please ensure that the necessary arrangements are made in a timely fashion to obtain a US visa, as appropriate. Information regarding US visas can be found on this website: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>.

The three main airports in NYC are:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport
- Newark International Airport
- LaGuardia Airport (for flights within the US and from Canada and the Caribbean)

The two major train stations in NYC are:

- Penn Station (Amtrak, New Jersey Transit, Long Island Railroad)
- Grand Central (Metro North, Long Island Railroad)

Getting Around NYC:

- **Subway**: Number 4, 5, 6 or 7 trains to Grand Central Station: walk east to 1st Avenue.
- **Buses**: Coming from lower Manhattan, bus **M15** will stop on 1st Avenue in front of the United Nations. From uptown, bus **M15** will run on 2nd Avenue and stop on 46th and 42nd Streets. Buses **M42** and **M104** stop on 42nd Street and 1st Avenue in both directions.
- **Taxis**: New York City taxis are available from any destination.