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The renewed **ECOSOC Partnership Forum** will be held on **2 February 2022** on the main theme of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) *“Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*.

The Partnership Forum will feature opening and closing sessions and two plenary sessions for statements. It will also feature a series of informal **thematic Spotlight Sessions**; a **Partnership Exchange** which will seek to share knowledge and expertise around the design and implementation of multi-stakeholder partnerships; as well as **side events**.

The ECOSOC Partnership Forum (including all sessions and side events) will be **fully virtual**.

More information at: <https://sdgs.un.org/events/ecosoc-partnership-forum-2022>

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Time	Session		
08:00 AM – 08:50 AM	Side events by Member States and stakeholders		
09:00 AM – 09:25 AM	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC • Remarks by Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General • Keynote address by Ms. Gabriela Bucher, Executive Director of Oxfam International 		
09.30 AM – 10.50 AM	<p>Plenary session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements by Member States and stakeholders with a focus on new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the HLPF held under the auspices of the Council 		
11.00 AM – 11.50 AM	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <hr/> <p>Bridging the gap: Addressing the vacuum in multilateral governance of digital technology to close the digital divide and support efforts to leave no one behind</p> <p>Democratic digital governance is key in contributing towards the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to</p>	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <hr/> <p>COVID-19 Vaccines for All – Promoting vaccine equity and vaccines for all</p> <p>This session will discuss the need of partnerships to support vaccine equity, including the role of different sectors and propose strategies to accelerate vaccine access by all.</p>	<p><u>PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE</u></p> <hr/> <p>Experiences from partnering during the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of enhancing global collaboration and effective partnerships among all sectors and stakeholders. Multi-stakeholder collaborations are key mechanisms to tackle the challenges of COVID-19 and will be essential as societies look to build more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive societies. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the</p>

	<p>Leave No One Behind. This session will discuss the vacuum in governance of digital technologies that should be addressed with a sense of urgency to curb the widening digital divide among and within countries, ensure protection of peoples' rights and assert the mandate of inclusive multilateral institutions like the UN.</p> <p><u>Organizers:</u> Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Group, Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (APRCM), Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p>	<p><u>Organizers:</u> Major Groups and other Stakeholders HLPF coordination mechanism</p>	<p>international community has made significant efforts to mobilize partnerships to accelerate the global response to COVID-19.</p> <p>The session will feature speakers that can share their first-hand experience and lessons learned in building and managing partnerships during the pandemic and how these could be of use when tackling other urgent global challenges such as climate change.</p> <p><u>Lead:</u> UN DESA</p>
<p>12.00 PM – 12.50 PM</p>	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <p>Building back better from the bottom up: collaboration with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for SDG Implementation</p> <p>This session will focus on the role of MSMEs as the backbone</p>	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <p>Achieving the SDGs and a sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through partnerships and sound governance: the vital role of</p>	

	<p>to economies and how their needs could be addressed to support a sustainable recovery from COVID-19 and accelerate SDG implementation.</p> <p><u>Organizers:</u> OIE (Business and Industry Major Group), in partnership with ILO/IOE/UNCTAD/Associations representing MSMEs at local level.</p>	<p>Local and Regional Governments</p> <p>This session will focus on multilevel governance for the SDGs and COVID-19 recovery. Discussions will address open governance, local democracy, transparency and accountability.</p> <p><u>Organizer:</u> Local Authorities Major Group</p>	
01.00 PM – 01.50 PM	Side Events		
02.00 PM – 02.50 PM	Side Events		
03.00 PM – 03.50 PM	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <p>Education for all as a key step of the recovery</p> <p>This session will discuss the extra challenge presented by COVID-19 to SDG 4, including disruptions, remote learning and others and will bring recommendations to address these issues and ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education.</p> <p><u>Organizer:</u> NGO Major Group, African Regional Mechanism for</p>	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <p>Financing for the SDGs in the Era of COVID-19</p> <p>This session will explore how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected financing for the SDGs and achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The discussion will also focus on the ways to close the financing gaps that will bring the world back on track towards the achievement of the SDGs and sustainable COVID-19 recovery.</p>	<p><u>PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE</u></p> <p>Fostering an enabling environment for collaboration</p> <p>Fostering effective partnerships among a variety of stakeholders and sectors requires an enabling environment that is supportive of collaboration.</p> <p>This session will discuss and explore the policies that are needed to support multi-stakeholder partnerships, how to build capacities of stakeholders around partnering practices, how to support organizational change required to partner effectively, while also hearing from UN Resident Coordinator offices about examples and good practices related to partnership platforms as</p>

	Major Groups & other Stakeholders, Indigenous Peoples Major Group (IPMG)	<u>Organizer:</u> UN Foundation, Southern Voice	mechanisms for brokering and catalyzing new partnerships for SDG implementation. <u>Lead:</u> UN DESA
04.00 PM – 04.50 PM	<p><u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u></p> <p>What does meaningful, effective and inclusive partnerships for gender equality look like?</p> <p>This session will discuss the impacts of COVID-19 to SDG5 implementation, including deepening inequalities, increasing gender-based violence, increasing school drop-outs, whereas women and girls remained in the forefront of the response to COVID-19, and the care work it has exponentially increased. A focus on effective, meaningful, equal and inclusive partnerships will be brought.</p> <p><u>Organizer:</u> Women's Major Group and LGBTI Stakeholder Group</p>		
05.00 PM – 05.50 PM	<p>Plenary session (continued)</p> <p>Statements by Member States and stakeholders with a focus on new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the HLPF held under the auspices of the Council</p>		

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05.50 PM – 06.00 PM	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)• Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC
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