



2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

2 February 2022

Information note

Introduction

Further to [General Assembly resolution 75/290A](#) on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held on **2 February**, back-to-back with the Council's [new coordination segment on 3-4 February](#).

The Partnership Forum will feature an exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the HLPF held under the auspices of the Council. The Partnership Forum will also discuss forward-looking actions by countries and all relevant stakeholders as well as innovative partnerships that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda.

Because of its timing in early February, the 2022 Partnership Forum will be a key opportunity to galvanize Member States and all other key stakeholders, including the UN system, international financial institutions, as well as international organizations, parliamentarians, local governments, NGOs, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth and other stakeholders, early on in the ECOSOC cycle.

Theme

The 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held under the main theme of the 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"***.

Format

Due to the ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases in New York City, the Forum (including all official sessions and side events) will be fully virtual. The Forum will be a one-day event (2 February 2022), chaired by the ECOSOC President, featuring an opening and a closing session, two plenary sessions, a number of informal events including spotlight sessions, two partnership exchanges, as well as side events.

Agenda at a glance

Time (EST)	Session		
08:00 AM – 08:50 AM	Side events		
09:00 AM – 09:25 AM	Opening session		
09.30 AM – 10.50 AM	Plenary session		
11.00 AM – 11.50 AM	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE</u>
12.00 PM – 12.50 PM	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	
01.00 PM – 01.50 PM	Side Events		
02.00 PM – 02.50 PM	Side Events		
03.00 PM – 03.50 PM	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>PARTNERSHIP EXCHANGE</u>
04.00 PM – 04.50 PM	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	<u>SPOTLIGHT SESSION</u>	
05.00 PM – 05.50 PM	Plenary session (continued)		
05.50 PM – 06.00 PM	Closing session		

Please click [here](#) to view the latest programme and other related information including Side Events.

Interpretation

Interpretation in all (6) official languages of the United Nations will be available for the opening and closing and the plenary sessions, which will be held on the Zoom platform. The spotlight sessions, partnership exchange and side events will be held in English only.

Required setup for remote simultaneous interpretation/ technical specifications

Due to the additional difficulties associated with remote interpretation, please review the requirements for remote interpretation to ensure compliance and to avoid the suspension of interpretation during the virtual meetings. To enable accurate interpretation, please ensure the speaker speaks clearly and at a moderate pace. Please click [here](#) to view the required set up for virtual meetings with interpretation.

Participants

The 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum is open to representatives of Member States, UN system entities, relevant inter-governmental organizations, multilateral development banks, NGOs, the private sector, think-tanks and scientific communities, philanthropic organizations, local governments, parliaments, academia and other stakeholders.

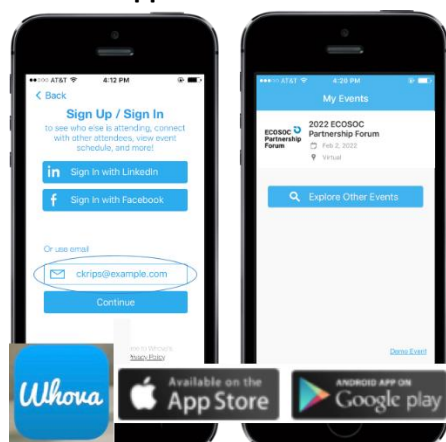
Registration and Virtual Event Platform

All interested participants are encouraged to register on the [Whova](#) online event platform in order to view all session details (including speaker profiles), follow live stream of all sessions, plan your personal schedule, be informed of announcements and networking opportunities. The virtual networking capabilities of [Whova](#) enable a virtual experience similar to in-person meetings.

The registration to access the Whova online event platform is open on 17 January 2022 [here](#). Registered participants will have access to all sessions and events of the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

With the email used for registration, participants can log in to join the Forum either via a desktop web browser (<https://2022partnershipforum.events.whova.com/>) or using the free [Whova mobile app](#) (click this [link](#) or search “Whova” in the App Store on your iPhone or in Google Play on your Android phone to download the app).

To learn more about the online platform, please refer to the [Whova guide](#) or watch this [tutorial video](#) for attendees.

Mobile App:**Web:**

Virtual Participation

- Member States/IGOs/UN Agencies**

Opening/Closing Sessions and Plenary Sessions

The opening and closing sessions and the plenary sessions will be held on Zoom, and live streamed via UN Webcast (webtv.un.org) and on the [Whova](https://whova.com) online event platform.

The link to the Zoom for the opening and morning plenary session (9-11 a.m.) and for the afternoon plenary and closing session (5-6 p.m.) will be made available through the “ECOSOC meetings” page in the e-deleGATE portal. **Only members of the delegation who intend to speak during the virtual meetings should join the Zoom platform (up to two delegations at any given time).** Other members of the delegation may view the proceedings on the UN webcast (webtv.un.org) or the [Whova](https://whova.com) online event platform.

Please note that all participants must have a personal Zoom account and must use their Zoom login to join the meeting online through the Zoom platform. If you do not have a Zoom login, you may sign up for a free account through the following link: <https://explore.zoom.us/docs/en-us/freesignup.html>

When connecting, you will be requested to enter your name. When entering your information, please include your delegation/organization/affiliation before your full name as follows: [DELEGATION/AFFILIATION] [FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME].

For further guidance on joining a Zoom meeting, please use the following link: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>

List of Speakers

There is no pre-established list of speakers for the plenary sessions. In order to request the floor during the plenary sessions (9.30-10:50 a.m. and 5-5.50 p.m.), participants will need to inscribe through an online speaker form which will be posted by the Secretariat in the Zoom chat box. The form will be enabled at the start of the meeting and no requests can be made before that time. Given the limited time available, interventions 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 in order to ensure proper interpretation. Interpretation for statements not sent in advance may be impacted or suspended given the additional difficulties related to remote simultaneous interpretation. The subject line of the email should clearly identify the date and time of the meeting at which the intervention will be delivered.

Please direct any questions regarding the opening, closing and plenary sessions to ecosocplace@un.org

Spotlight sessions and Partnership Exchanges

These sessions will be live streamed on the [Whova](#) online event platform and held on Zoom. Only the speakers who have been invited to address the sessions will need to participate in the spotlight sessions and partnership exchanges on the Zoom platform. Other attendees can follow the live stream on [Whova](#). A written Q&A section will be available on [Whova](#) to facilitate interaction between the online audience and the invited speakers.

For more information about these sessions, please contact the focal points:

Spotlight sessions: Naiara Costa (naiara.costa@un.org)

Partnership Exchanges: Ola Goransson (goranssono@un.org)

• Stakeholders

Registered stakeholders will have full access to all sessions of the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum through the [Whova platform](#).

Opening/Closing Sessions and Plenary Sessions

The opening and closing and plenary sessions will be held on the Zoom platform with live stream available on [UN WebTV](#) and the [Whova](#) online event platform.

Time permitting, a number of speaking slots will be allocated for stakeholders to make short interventions (no more than 2 minutes, maximum 300 words) during the plenary sessions.

Preference will be given to statements that are made on behalf of groups of organizations/constituencies/major groups.

Stakeholders can indicate their interest to speak, time permitting, in the plenary sessions when registering on [Whova](#), and they will be notified in advance and be provided the connection information to join the plenary sessions on Zoom.

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Side events

Side events sponsored by Member States, UN system entities and other eligible stakeholders on themes related to the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be organized on the margins of the official meetings of the Forum. The side events will allow additional informal space for sharing experiences and provide alternative opportunities for dialogue. A full list of approved side events is available on the Forum's [website](#) and on the [Whova](#) platform.

Documentation

All documentation is posted on the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum's [website](#).

Outcome

An analytical summary will be prepared to capture the key policy messages of the Forum along with the messages of the coordination segment. The summary will serve as an input to the 2022 HLPF as well as ECOSOC and other key inter-governmental processes throughout 2022.

Website and social media

The full programme, concept notes and other background documentation are available on the Forum's website: <https://sdgs.un.org/events/ecosoc-partnership-forum-2022>.

Participants are invited to use the resources listed on the website to promote the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum. The hashtag of the event is: [#Partnership4SDGs](#)

Keep the conversation going on all our social media platforms:

- Twitter: [@SustDev](#)
- Facebook: [@SustDev](#)

Secretariat of the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

The Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs functions as the Forum's Secretariat, in coordination with the United Nations Department of General Assembly and Conference Management, General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division.

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