

Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group to the ECOSOC President on the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Background:

The 2023 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will be held on 31 January 2023, back-to-back with the Council's Coordination Segment, under the main theme of the 2023 ECOSOC and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), *“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.”*

The 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be focused on the exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for ECOSOC and the HLPF on the theme¹. Following the success of the 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, the 2023 Forum will showcase and discuss forward-looking actions by countries and all relevant stakeholders through innovative partnerships that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda and address new challenges, including those resulting from the war in Ukraine.

In accordance with A/RES/75/290A, the Partnership Forum will engage countries, the United Nations system, including international financial institutions, as well as international organizations, parliamentarians, local governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth and other stakeholders.

In order to support inclusive preparations, the ECOSOC President, H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, is establishing an informal **Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group on the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum**.

Objective

The **Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group** will function as an informal consultative mechanism to prepare for the event. Members of the Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Group will be invited to attend 1-2 Expert Group Meeting (EGM) aiming to:

- Provide inputs and recommendations for the organization and format of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum and its preparations.
- Provide inputs on the ECOSOC Partnership Forum programme, including proposals for thematic “spotlight sessions” and suggestions of potential speakers.
- Mobilize ideas and actions to be showcased at the Forum.
- Support with outreach and promotion of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, including by organizing side-events, where appropriate.

Members

As an informal, advisory group, members would be expected to provide inputs and recommendations that will be submitted for further consideration of the ECOSOC President.

Members of the Group should have extensive experience in sustainable development, including on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and in related policies, actions and partnerships.

¹ In accordance with the resolution [75/290A](#)

Consultation Process

The **Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group to the ECOSOC President on the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum** will hold a virtual **Expert Group Meeting** on **30 November 2022**.

Additional exchange and follow up with Members of the Advisory Group will be held in the lead up to the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, as needed.