

2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum 31 January 2023

Information Note

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [75/290A](#), the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held on 31 January 2023 under the 2023 HLPF/ECOSOC theme¹. A virtual Partnership Exchange will be held one day prior to the Forum on 30 January 2023. Side events will be held on the margins of the Forum on 31 January.

8:15 – 9:30 am	<i>Side Events</i>		
10:00 – 10:25 am	Opening Remarks (Trusteeship Council Chamber) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, President of ECOSOC Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General Keynote address by Ms. Mia Kami, Artist, Storyteller, and Climate Justice Activist 		
10:25 am – 1:00 pm	Plenary Session (Trusteeship Council Chamber) Statements by Member States, observers, UN entities and stakeholders including on new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council and the HLPF		Overflow Room (CR 11): 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
12:00 – 1:00 pm		Informal Spotlight Session 1 (CR 5): <i>“Unlocking financing for SDG implementation: the role of the private sector and partnerships at all levels”</i> Lead organizer: International Organisation of Employers (IOE)	Informal Spotlight Session 2 (CR 11) <i>“Providing affordable and quality public services at local level: how can multi-stakeholder partnerships help”</i> Lead organizer: United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
1:15 – 2:30 pm	<i>Side Events</i>		
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Informal Spotlight Session 3 (Trusteeship Council Chamber): <i>“SDG Summit: Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to accelerate sustainable recovery and development”</i> Lead organizer: UN Foundation	Informal Spotlight Session 4 (CR 11): <i>“Youth Driving Change: intergenerational collaboration for SDG implementation”</i> Lead organizer: UNDP	
4:15 – 5:15 pm	Informal Spotlight Session 5 (Trusteeship Council Chamber): <i>“Enhancing capacities for transformation: Building partnerships to harness science, technology and innovation”</i> Lead organizer: Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)	Informal Spotlight Session 6 (CR 11): <i>“Bringing Accountability to Partnerships, Including to Leave No One Behind”</i> Lead organizer: Major Groups & other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (MGOS CM)	
5:30– 5:45 pm	Closing Remarks (Trusteeship Council Chamber) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary-General and CEO of the United Nations Global Compact H.E. Ms. Lachezara Stoeva, President of ECOSOC 		

¹ “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.”

2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum Website:

For details about the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, please visit the website at:

<https://sdgs.un.org/events/ecosoc-partnership-forum-2023>

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 is no pre-established list of speakers for the plenary session (10:25 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**

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. Considering the limited number of speaking slots, preference will be given to statements that are made on behalf of groups of organizations/constituencies/major groups.

NGOs in consultative status that are interested in making a statement can express their interest to do so through the open call circulated by UN DESA

- Six informal **Spotlight Sessions** will be held in hybrid format, with a combination of in-person participation in Trusteeship Council Chamber and Conference Rooms 5 & 11, or virtually on the WebEx platform. All Spotlight Sessions will be webcast live via [UN web TV](#). The Spotlight Sessions are organized by selected partners on priority topics to both mobilize forward-looking actions and shine the spotlight on solutions. The WebEx links to join the sessions will be shared with all registered stakeholder participants. The links will also be shared with all delegations via the e-delegate portal. Concept notes, draft programmes and focal points contacts for all Spotlight Sessions are accessible from the Partnership Forum website under the “Spotlight Sessions” tab.
- An informal **Partnership Exchange** will be organized by UN DESA on **30 January 2023**, the day prior to the Forum in a fully virtual format. The Partnership Exchange will seek to share knowledge and expertise around the design and implementation of multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of the SDGs. The Partnership Exchange will be hosted as a Zoom webinar for registered participants

and livestreamed on both Facebook and YouTube. For more information about the Partnership Exchange, including its programme and to register, please visit:
<https://sdgs.un.org/PartnershipExchange>

- **Side Events** will be held in person / virtual formats on the margins of the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum from **8:30 – 9:30 am**; and **1:15-2:30 pm EST**. 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 (6) official languages of the United Nations will be available for the Opening, Closing and Plenary sessions. The Spotlight Sessions, Partnership Exchange and side events will be held in English only.

Documentation

All documentation is posted on the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum's [website](#) .

Registration / Access (UPDATED)

Non-governmental organizations and other non-state stakeholders can register to attend either virtually or in-person.

- Registration for 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum has been closed. However, those who are interested in attending the Forum virtually, registration is open until **noon, 30 January 2023** (click [here](#)).
- Registration for Partnership Exchange Session, the informal pre-meeting of Partnership Forum, is open until **26 January** (click [here](#)).

All in-person participants **MUST** have either a **valid UN grounds pass** or a **Special Events Ticket** issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters.

For UN grounds pass holders: No action is needed. You could access the UNHQ with your valid UN grounds pass.

For those who requested a Special Events Ticket: Please note that only registered participants that have received a confirmation email from the UN secretariat (from dsdg@un.org) on 27 January 2023 will be issued a name-specific Special Events Ticket to access the meeting venue. Please note that the special events tickets are non-transferrable and registration on the spot will not be possible.

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

When:

- **Monday, 30 January, 12:00 noon -1:00 p.m.** (Strongly recommended – including side events organizers – and/or if you want to attend the side event in the morning) or
- **Tuesday, 31 January, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

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

Please note: Special Events Ticket could only be picked up during the above time window, the Secretariat will not be able to facilitate any late comers/requests.

All participants will need to proceed through the UN security screening at the UN visitor's entrance. Participants are encouraged to arrive before 9:30 a.m. to give sufficient time for the security screening. Please note that participants will not be able to check in or bring any large suitcases or bags.

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

Due to the large number of registrations received, a **Secondary Access Pass** is required for NGOs and other stakeholders (UN Grounds Pass holders and SET holders) to access the Trusteeship Council Chamber during the Opening Session and the 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-serve basis**, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on the day of the event (31 January). When you arrive at the lobby area, please look for UN staff holding a "2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum" sign.

The Secondary Access Passes are transferrable among participants. Only one secondary pass will be handed to each participant.

If the Trusteeship Council Chamber is at full capacity and all Secondary Access Passes have been distributed, participants could be directed to Conference Room 11 (basement level) to watch the proceedings.

No secondary access pass is required for the spotlight sessions.

Outcome

The key messages and recommendations of the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be presented to inspire the discussions at the ECOSOC [Coordination Segment](#), to be held immediately following the Partnership Forum on 1 and 2 February. A consolidated analytical summary will be prepared by the President of ECOSOC, 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 an input to the July 2023 HLPF, under the auspices of the Council, and the September 2023 SDG Summit, under the auspices of the General Assembly, as well as the overall work of the ECOSOC and other key inter-governmental processes throughout 2023. The **joint summary** will be available at the 2023 Partnership Forum website [here](#) under "Documentation" tab.

Social media outreach

Participants are invited to use the resources listed on the website to promote the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum. The hashtag of the event is: **#2023ECOSOCPartnershipForum** and **#Partnership4SDGs**

Please join us in keeping the conversation going on all our social media platforms:

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

Forum Secretariat / Contacts

The Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) functions as the Forum's Secretariat, in coordination with the ECOSOC Affairs Branch of

the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (GAEAD) of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), while informal Spotlight Sessions are organized by selected partners.

- Details about the Partnership Forum are available on its [website](#).
- Member States, observers, UN entities and intergovernmental organizations who have queries regarding the **Opening, Closing and Plenary Sessions** should contact DGACM via: ecosocplace@un.org.
- Contact details for each **Spotlight Session** and **Side Event** will be made available on the 2023 Partnership Forum [website](#) (click “Spotlight Session” and “Side Event” tabs).
- For any questions about the **Partnership Exchange**, please contact Ola Goransson via goranssono@un.org
- For any other questions, please contact Sumi Han and Bayda Abdulrahman Alibrahim via: han4@un.org; and bayda.albrahim@un.org

ANNEX: Additional Information for Stakeholders

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/>.

Lunch:

Participants can purchase their meals at the UN Cafes that are near the meeting venues.

Lobby Café

Secretariat Lobby – 1st Floor North
M-F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Featuring Starbucks Coffee

Vienna Café

General Assembly – 1st Basement South
M-F 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Featuring Lavazza Coffee

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.

Transportation in New York:

- **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.
- New York City **taxis** are available from any destination.

Hotel accommodation:

All participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. Finding a reasonably priced hotel in New York City could be a challenge, therefore it is recommended that you start as early as possible. Please note that hotel reservations generally will only be guaranteed with a credit card. Below is a list of hotels located within walking distance of the United Nations. Sometimes, some of these hotels may provide discounted prices for travelers attending UN meetings. The UN does not endorse any hotel, and the list below is not in any order of preference but proximity to the UN.

ONE UN New York – Millennium Hotels 1 UN Plaza (First Avenue and 44th St.)
+ 1 212-758-1234

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nycuphh-millennium-hilton-new-york-one-un-plaza/>

Hampton Inn Manhattan
231 E. 43rd St. (between 2nd and 3rd Ave.)
+ 1 212-897-3385

Pod 51
230 East 51st St.
+ 1 212-355-0300
www.thepodhotel.com

Pod 39
145 East 39th St.

+ 1 212-865-5700
www.thepodhotel.com

Fitzpatrick Grand Central
141 East 44th Street
+1 212-351-6800
www.fitzpatrickhotels.com

Club Wyndham Midtown 45
205 East 45th St.
+ 1 212-867-5100
<https://clubwyndham.wyndhamdestinations.com/us/en/resorts/wyndham-hotelsresorts/united-states-of-america/new-york/new-york/club-wyndham-midtown-45>

Residence Inn by Marriott
148 East 48th St. (between 3rd and Lexington Ave.)
+1 212-980-1003
www.newyorkresidenceinn.com

The Lexington
511 Lexington Ave at 48th St.
+ 1 212-755-4400
www.lexingtonhotelnyc.com

Hotel Boutique at Grand Central
447 Lexington Ave (between 44th & 45th St)
+1 212-297-0300
www.hotelboutiqueatgrandcentral.com

Club Quarters Grand Central
128 East 45th St.
+1 212-986-6400
www.clubquarters.com

Roger Smith Hotel
501 Lexington Ave. (between 47th and 48th St.)
+1 212-755-1400
<https://roger-smith-hotel-new-york-city.at-hotels.com/en/>

Hilton Garden Inn
206 East 52nd St.
+1 212-794-6000

Courtyard New York (Midtown East)
866 Third Ave. and 52nd St.
+1 212-644-1300

You might also want to check the following websites to compare options

www.areahotelguide.com/new-york-city-hotels.htm

www.hotels.com
www.priceline.com
www.hotwire.com
www.expedia.com
www.booking.com
www.kayak.com
www.tripadvisor.com

Other Logistical Information:

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. The United Nations medical service is available during regular working hours from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m