

**Closing Remarks by  
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**To the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum**

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

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished participants,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you, Under Secretary-General Mr. Junhua.

Thank you, Assistant Secretary-General Ms. Ojiambo.

We have heard your compelling statements about the urgent need for broad-based engagement and partnerships across all sectors of society to speed up sustainable recovery and development.

As we have repeatedly heard today, the fight for a future that we want is indeed a fight that we can win, if we join forces.

That is why the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda both stress the important roles of partnership and participation.

Throughout the day we have heard from many inspiring and engaging speakers and have taken good note of the many recommendations that have been made.

As a next step, in consultation with the Bureau of the Council, I will prepare a joint summary of 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and the Council’s Coordination Segment which will start tomorrow, 1 February, to capture the discussions and proposals that have emerged from both meetings.

This joint summary will serve as an important input for our work ahead, including the

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July. The SDG Summit in September will also be informed by this Joint Summary.

Distinguished colleagues,

We are now at the conclusion of this illuminating meeting.

Please allow me to add a couple of final points before I wrap up today's meeting:

First, I am delighted to note that the ECOSOC Partnership Forum has certainly become a truly inclusive and central platform that brings together governments and stakeholders.

I was particularly pleased to see the presence of so many young speakers in today's events. Their views and contributions will be an important part of our solutions.

Additionally, I count on your continued engagement in the work of the Council throughout this year, including that of functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies in the coming months. I also count on your active participation in the SDG Summit in September.

Tomorrow and Thursday, the Council will hold its annual Coordination Segment. It will bring together the ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies, UN regional commissions and the UN system entities, including specialized agencies, to leverage the work of the ECOSOC system to discuss and identify transformative policies and initiatives for an accelerated recovery from the pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The policy findings and recommendations coming out of the ECOSOC Coordination Segment are envisioned to contribute to the 2023 SDG Summit, as well as other major upcoming events in 2023.

I will be joining the opening segment of the Coordination Segment tomorrow morning to share the key messages from the Partnership Forum, and I invite you all to take active part in the Coordination Segment as well.

Thank you.

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