



2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

30 January 2024, Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ

Concept note and programme

Background

The 2024 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) will be held on 30 January 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the theme *“Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”*. The Forum will place a special emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals that will be reviewed at the 2024 HLPF, namely Goal 1 (No Poverty); Goal 2 (Zero Hunger); Goal 13 (Climate Action); Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions); and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

In accordance with resolution [75/290A](#), the 2024 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 aforementioned theme. It 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.

The Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit stresses the importance of enhancing global, regional, national and local partnerships for sustainable development as well as of engaging all relevant stakeholders, recognizing the important contribution they can make toward sustainable development. In this context, the 2024 ECOSOC 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.

Preparations

As requested by the General Assembly, the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be organized in consultation with stakeholders. As an informal consultative mechanism to help guide and support the organization of the Forum, an informal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group has been set up annually by previous Presidents of ECOSOC to provide guidance and views on the scope, format and programme of the event. All information pertaining to the Advisory Group is available at the ECOSOC Partnership Forum website.

In addition, UN DESA has conducted a global online stakeholder consultation from 9 October to 3 November 2023 to solicit views, experiences and proposals from all stakeholders on how to strengthen partnerships and stakeholder engagements to accelerate the full implementation of the

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The consultation received more than 220 stakeholder responses from over 70 countries, representing the views of non-governmental organizations, academia and scientific community, business and industry, children and youth, women, local authorities, among others. A summary report of key messages and recommendations from the stakeholder consultation has been posted on the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum website at: https://sdgs.un.org/2024ECOSOCPartnershipForum#stakeholder_consultation.

Format

The 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be a one-day meeting, chaired by the ECOSOC President.

During the **formal plenary sessions**, Member States and stakeholders would alternate taking the floor to outline their priorities and recommendations for accelerating progress toward the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and their experience and vision for the role of partnerships, following the mid-point review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the 2023 SDG Summit.

The Forum will also include four **SDG action segments**, each dedicated to one of the Goals slated for review during the High-level Political Forum in 2024, namely Goal 1, Goal 2, Goal 13, and Goal 16. The action segments would focus on scaling up concrete and innovative partnerships that drive SDG implementation while highlighting their crucial role in fostering collaborative, concrete actions. Action segments are organized by select partners from within the UN system and other relevant stakeholders.

In addition, over 30 **side events** by governments, UN system entities, intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs and other organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC (identified through an open call) will be organized and centered around the Forum theme. Side events will be both in-person and virtually.

The plenary and SDG action segments will be broadcast via [UN web TV](#).

Outcome

The key messages and recommendations of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be presented to inspire the discussions at the 2024 ECOSOC Coordination Segment (31 January-1 February). A consolidated analytical Joint Summary will be prepared by the Council President, 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 2024 HLPF, under the auspices of the Council, and the September 2024 Summit of the Future, under the auspices of the General Assembly, as well as the overall work of the ECOSOC and other key inter-governmental processes throughout 2024.

Programme

| Time | Session | |
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| 08:15 AM – 09:30 AM | Virtual side events | |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Opening (Trusteeship Council Chamber) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Paula Narvaez, President of ECOSOC • Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General • Keynote address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Mariana Mazzucato, Professor of Economics of Innovation and Public Value, University College London (UCL) - Ms. Charitie Ropati, Arctic Youth Ambassador / Girl Rising Fellow / Recipient of the WWF-US 2023 Conservation Leadership Award | |
| 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Plenary Session (Trusteeship Council Chamber) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | |
| 01:15 PM – 02:30 PM | On-site / virtual side events | |
| 03:00 PM – 04:00 PM | SDG action segment for Goal 1 <i>(ECOSOC Chamber)</i> Organized by UNDP, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Public-Private Partnerships and Islamic Social Financing, Local Authorities MG, Women’s MG, Business and Industry MG, NGO Committee on Financing for Development | SDG action segment for Goal 13 <i>(Trusteeship Council Chamber)</i> Organized by UNEP, UNDRR, Indigenous Peoples MG, LGBTI SG |
| 04:15 PM– 05:15 PM | SDG action segment for Goal 2 <i>(ECOSOC Chamber)</i> Organized by FAO, MGCY, Science and Technology MG | SDG action segment for Goal 16 <i>(Trusteeship Council Chamber)</i> Organized by UNEP, UNESCO, UNODC, OHCHR, UNDP, SDSN, Volunteers MG, NGO MG |
| 05:30 PM – 06:00 PM | Closing (Trusteeship Council Chamber) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key messages from the SDG action segments: | |

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| | <p>Goal 1: Ms. Anita Thomas, Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development, A substantive Committee of the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO).</p> <p>Goal 2: Mr. Joseph Bangura, Youth Activist, Major Group for Children and Youth</p> <p>Goal 13: Ms. Maria Teresa Bento Parreira, Head of Curation, Reboot</p> <p>Goal 16: Ms. Priya Sood, UNDP Global Policy Centre for Governance, SDG 16 Knowledge Management and Advocacy Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing remarks by Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs• Closing remarks H.E. Ms. Paula Narvaez, President of ECOSOC |
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