

**Statement of the International Organization for Migration**  
**2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum**  
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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The SDG Summit held last September in these premises sounded a collective alarm: the promise made in 2015 of justice and equality, of inclusive, sustainable development, and human rights and dignity for all, is in peril.

But through its Political Declaration, it also delivered a renewed commitment, and an ambitious plan of action to fast-track implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Well managed, safe, orderly, and regular migration is part of the solution to accelerate progress across the SDGs and to navigate and adapt to the profound global transformations the world is facing from the climate crisis to demographic shifts, conflicts, digitalization or urbanization. To seize the opportunities and face the challenges of migration in an increasingly interdependent and complex world, we need more partnerships to deliver multidimensional, whole-of-society and whole-of-government solutions.

IOM plays a key role in supporting partnerships and the means to collaborate at national, regional, and global levels to harness the power of migration for the benefit of all.

As a core member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group and Coordinator and Secretariat of United Nations Network on Migration, IOM plays a central role in ensuring effective, timely and coordinated United Nations system-wide support to Member States to enhance cooperation on international migration and maximize its contribution to sustainable development.

We are actively exploring well-managed regular migration pathways, such as the Skills Mobility Partnerships within the framework of Joint Programme on Labour Migration Governance for Development and Integration (JLMP) implemented by the African Union Commission, the ILO and the Economic Commission for Africa, together with IOM.

The Mayors Mechanism co-steered by IOM, United Cities and Local Government, and the Mayors Mechanism Council, exemplifies our commitment to forging links between various levels of governance and sectors, including civil society, the private sector, and the UN system.

We recognize that the private sector is an indispensable partner, to harness the potential of human mobility offering unique skills, knowledge, expertise, and resources for tackling today's pressing humanitarian and development challenges. Our collaboration with the Sustainable Hospitality Alliance in the IRIS: Ethical Tourism initiative demonstrates the impact of ethical recruitment practices in the hospitality and tourism industry. The initiative had an impact on the policies of six major global brands, and has led to the implementation of relevant policies in over 15,000 properties globally.

Finally, we commend the instrumental role of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in support of countries' efforts to turn commitments into actionable strategies for the 2030 Agenda and reiterate our commitment to deliver on the promise of migration, while supporting the world's most vulnerable.

Thank you, Chair.