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The 2024 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) was held on 30 January 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the theme of “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”. The Forum placed 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).

This impact report aims to summarize the key activities carried out in the lead up to and during the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum to deliver its new mandate in line with A/RES/75/212.

The partnership forum of the Economic and Social Council will be convened for one day by early February, back-to-back with the coordination segment. 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. The partnership forum will be organized in consultation with stakeholders and allow interactive discussions among all stakeholders on the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The partnership forum will be focused on the exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the high-level political forum held under the auspices of the Council. The partnership forum will also discuss forward-looking actions by countries and all relevant stakeholders as well as innovative partnerships that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda.

(Paragraph 15, A/RES/75/212)
As part of the preparatory process of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, a global online stakeholder consultation was conducted by UN DESA from 9 October to 3 November 2023 to solicit written views, experiences, and proposals from all relevant stakeholders and make them widely available prior to the event.

The global online stakeholder consultation generated 226 responses from 71 countries or areas, with majority responses from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), followed by Education & Academic Entities, Business & Industry, Children and Youth, Science & Technological Community, among others.

A summary report has been prepared by UN DESA ahead of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, presenting key messages and policy recommendations from stakeholders emerged from the global online consultation to inform the Partnership Forum.
As requested by the General Assembly, the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum has been organized in consultation with relevant 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 the President of ECOSOC to provide guidance and views on the scope, format and programme of the event. An overview of all Members of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group on the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum is available here.

On 15 November 2023, Members of the Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Group attended a virtual Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to provide inputs to the Partnership Forum programme and share information about new research, analysis and tools that could support in leveraging partnerships on the SDGs under review at the 2024 HLPF and examples of partnerships that could be featured during the 2024 Partnership Forum.
More than 2200 representatives from non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders registered their interest to attend the Forum. 450+ stakeholders followed the discussions in person on 30 January.

The open call from 1 to 11 January 2024 for civil society and stakeholders to express interest in speaking during the plenary session generated over 230 requests. As a result, 11 selected stakeholder speakers took the floor to deliver their statements, alternating with representatives from Member States, UN System and IGOs.
Side Events

30 side events took place in connection with the UN 2024 Partnership Forum, including 3 in-person side events held inside the UN Headquarters in New York and 27 virtual side events. They were selected from a set of 216 applications generated from the open call for side events.
Supported by UN DESA as the Secretariat of the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, the President of ECOSOC published a Joint Summary for the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and the 2024 Coordination Segment, which were held back-to-back as mandated by Resolution A/RES/75/290A.