

Closing Statement by

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To the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

“Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind”

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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to congratulate everyone on a successful 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Your Excellency, Mr. Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council, for your leadership and guidance, as well as to your excellent team and informal multi-stakeholder Advisory Group, for their advice and preparing for today's Partnership Forum, and to all the colleagues who have worked behind the scene for their tremendous efforts.

As the first important event of the year, the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum has provided a valuable platform for Member States and stakeholders to reflect on the priorities for the year ahead.

Allow me to highlight a few takeaways from today's discussions:

There was broad agreement that partnerships are not merely a concept, but a driving force behind the accelerated progress needed for SDG implementation. Fostering a culture of collaboration - where success is defined by our ability to work together, learn collectively and build meaningful connections that translate into tangible results -- is essential.

A central message from the Forum was the crucial importance of including women, youth and vulnerable populations in the design, implementation and monitoring of partnership. It is essential to establish formal mechanisms that elevate their voices within governance processes and structures to ensure that no one is left behind.

Many emphasized key drivers of effective partnerships, including the adoption of evidence-based approaches; the development of tailored solutions for local contexts; the cultivation of strong and inclusive leadership; the establishment of clear, regular and transparent communication; the alignment of shared goals; and the creation of robust governance structures and sustainable financing mechanisms, to name a few.

The discussions also underscored the critical importance of establishing and leveraging platforms, hubs and networks to foster collaboration, align efforts and co-create innovative solutions with all stakeholders to maximize collective impact.

In this context, the ECOSOC Partnership Forum serves as a pivotal platform, engaging all actors, showcasing good practices and offering the opportunity to accelerate collective efforts toward a sustainable and equitable future for all.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We need a renewed sense of leadership and commitment from all sectors and domains to align financial, technical and human resources with sustainable development strategies, reaching the scale necessary to implement the SDGs by 2030.

This is the moment to lead and deliver.

Our department, UN DESA, stands ready to support you every step of the way.

Thank you.

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