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The 2025 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC Partnership Forum), was held on 5 February 2025 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the theme, “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”.

The Forum placed a special emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will be reviewed at the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), namely Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being); Goal 5 (Gender Equality); Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth); Goal 14 (Life Below Water); 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 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum to deliver its new mandate in line with A/RES/75/212.

BACKGROUND



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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)

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INCLUSIVE APPROACH

As requested by the UN General Assembly, the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum was organized in consultation with stakeholders and allowed interactive discussions among all stakeholders on the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

- The President of ECOSOC established an informal **Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group** to provide guidance on the Forum's scope, format and programme.
- UN DESA conducted a **global online stakeholder consultation** to solicit views, experiences and proposals from stakeholders worldwide on how to strengthen partnerships and stakeholder engagements to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Four **SDG action segments** (on Goal 3, 5, 8, and 14) were organized in collaboration with relevant UN entities and recognized stakeholder networks, associations, major groups, or stakeholder constituencies with expertise in the specific SDGs in focus.

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I ask every person in this room to imagine themselves to be a Totorá. Each of us is different. Each of us is small. But when we come together to take small steps, we can make a big difference.*

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**A Totorá is a type of reed used in South America, commonly used for making boats and homes. often associated with resilience and unity.*



Ms. Dayana Blanco Quiroga
Keynote Speaker (Opening)
2023 Future Rising Fellow and
Founder of Uru Uru Team



ECOSOC PRESIDENT'S MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP 2025

As an informal consultative mechanism to help guide and support the organization of the Forum, an informal **Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group**, composed of 23 experts, was set up by the President of ECOSOC to provide guidance and views on the scope, format and programme of the event.

On **25 November 2024**, 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 2025 HLPF and examples of partnerships that could be featured during the 2025 Partnership Forum.

On **14 February 2025**, a second and final virtual Expert Group Meeting, was held as an informal discussion to reflect on and gather key takeaways from the Forum. The meeting featured remarks from the President of ECOSOC, who highlighted the event's success in fostering engagement and participation.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

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GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The global online stakeholder consultation generated **331 responses from 83 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 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, presenting key messages and policy recommendations from stakeholders emerged from the global online consultation to inform the Partnership Forum.



PARTNERSHIP SNAPSHOT

As part of the preparations for the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, the Partnership Snapshot was developed to provide a concise and informative overview of partnerships, with the aim of inspiring governments and stakeholders to actively engage in collaborations that advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**READ THE PARTNERSHIP
SNAPSHOT HERE**



PARTNERSHIP IMPACT IN ACTION

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*The **GloNoise Partnership** has been a powerful and impactful tool that allows us to raise awareness for the critical issue of underwater radiated noise at national, regional, and global levels. It also helps to encourage stakeholders to join efforts and develop capacities in both the public and private sectors, as well as academia.*

Our country is directly related to the ocean and maritime activities in every way possible. Therefore, Chile is a lead pilot country and hosted a national workshop which gathered various experts, stakeholders, ministries, and governmental institutions. It allowed us to build technical teams and move from theory to concrete actions. The partnership also benefits and contributes from/to the current IMO negotiations by developing innovative solutions and proper governance.

Further implementation will require more funding, technology development, and capacity building. I believe this phase of the project is just the beginning of something bigger that should grow, considering that the challenges ahead are complex and need international cooperation.



Manuel Fuenzalida
Lieutenant Commander
Chilean Navy/DIRECTMAR
Chile

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Read more about the GloNoise Partnership in the [Partnership Snapshot](#) (page 11)

PARTNERSHIP FORUM IN NUMBERS



~**45,000**
WEBCAST VIEWS

STAKEHOLDER
SPECIAL EVENT
TICKET REQUESTS

505



43 INTERVENTIONS IN PLENARY



4 SDG SEGMENTS

19 SIDE EVENTS



- The Forum featured **four “SDG Action segments”** on SDGs 3,5,8 and 14 that are under in-depth review at the July 2025 HLPF, organized in collaboration by UN entities and stakeholders.
- **A multi-stakeholder panel** moderated by the ECOSOC President focused on strategies to enhance investments in partnerships and catalyze action for SDG 17.
- **43 interventions** were presented during the plenary, including **36 Member States, 1 GA observer and 6 stakeholders**.
- **19 side events** were held in connection with the Forum, including 5 held inside UN Headquarters and 14 held off-site or virtually. Member States, UN Entities, IGOS and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC attended the event.
- **505 stakeholders** requested Special Events Tickets to observe the proceedings.

PROGRAMME

The 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum was a one-day meeting chaired by the ECOSOC President. It featured:

- **Opening Session:** Opening remarks by the ECOSOC President and Mr. Guy Bernard Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy at the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG).
- A **Plenary Session** where Member States and stakeholders shared priorities, experiences, and recommendations for advancing the SDGs.
- **Four SDG Action Segments** on Goals 3, 5, 8, and 14, showcasing innovative, partnership-based solutions to accelerate SDG progress.
- A **Multi-stakeholder panel - Investing in Partnerships: Catalyzing Action for SDG 17**, emphasizing strategic investments and partnership effectiveness.
- Nearly 20 **side events**, held at UNHQ and virtually, highlighting multi-stakeholder initiatives supporting the Forum's theme and SDGs under review.



OPENING SESSION

The **Opening Session** included opening remarks by the ECOSOC President, H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Guy Ryder, Under-Secretary-General for Policy at the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG).

The keynote speakers were Ms. Aluki Kotierk, former President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), and Ms. Dayana Blanco Quiroga, 2023 Future Rising Fellow and Founder of the Uru Uru Team.



H.E. Mr. Bob Rae



Ms. Aluki Kotierk



Mr. Guy Bernard Ryder



Ms. Dayana Blanco Quiroga

SDG ACTION SEGMENT FOR GOAL 3



Partnerships to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all for sustainable development

The **SDG Action Segment for Goal 3** at the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum focused on advancing partnerships to ensure healthy lives and well-being for all. Organized by UNAIDS, WHO, the Stakeholder Group on Ageing, and the UNECE Civil Society Engagement Mechanism, the session addressed critical challenges, and the urgency of renewed commitment and coordinated action to meet the 2030 health targets while leveraging partnerships to drive impact across the SDGs.



Moderator & Action Segment Rapporteur
Mr. César Núñez
Director of UNAIDS New York Office



Panelist
Ms. Anamaria Bejar
Director of Public Policy Engagement, Gavi

Further details on this session are available in the [official summary](#) of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

SDG ACTION SEGMENT FOR GOAL 5



Partnerships to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls for sustainable development

Organized by UN Women, UNFPA, the Women's Major Group, the Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism, and the Local Authorities Major Group, the **SDG Action Segment for Goal 5** session highlighted the urgent need for stronger commitments and collaboration to address gender inequalities. Key themes for discussion included: partnerships for change, data-driven transformation, and bridging the financing gap.



Moderator
Ms. Loretta Ching'andu
Education and Gender Equality Youth Advocate



Key takeaways delivered by **H.E. Ambassador Al-Wasil**
Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the UN and
Chair of the 69th session of the Commission on the
Status of Women



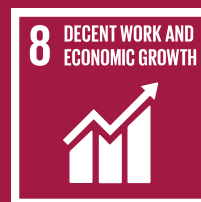
Panelist: **Ms. Foteini Papagiotti**
Deputy Director of Policy & Advocacy,
International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)



Closing remarks delivered by
Ms. Diene Keita
Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNFPA

Further details on this session are available in the [official summary](#) of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

SDG ACTION SEGMENT FOR GOAL 8



Partnerships to promote sustainable economic growth and decent work for all

The **SDG Action Segment for Goal 8** at the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum focused on fostering partnerships to accelerate the achievement of inclusive economic growth, decent work, and social justice. Co-organized by UNIDO, ILO, Business and Industry Major Group, Workers and Trade Unions Major Group, the session highlighted the importance of social dialogue in shaping policies that mitigate risks and maximize the benefits of technological transformation.



Moderator: **Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**
Special Representative to the UN and
Director Office for the UN, ILO



Opening remarks delivered by
Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill
USG and Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies



Ms. Sarah Steinberg
Head of Global Public Policy Partnerships, LinkedIn



Moderator: **Mr. Ralf Bredel**
Director and Representative to the UN in New York,
UNIDO

Further details on this session are available in the [official summary](#) of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

SDG ACTION SEGMENT FOR GOAL 14



Partnerships to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

The **SDG Action Segment for Goal 14** at the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum focused on advancing science-driven and partnership-based solutions to protect ocean health and promote a sustainable blue economy.

Organized by UNEP, UNESCO-IOC, Scientific and Technological Community Major Group, Major Group for Children and Youth and Indigenous Peoples Major Group, the session addressed the growing threats of ocean warming, acidification, pollution, and biodiversity loss while emphasizing the urgent need for holistic policies, investment in ocean sciences, and inclusive governance.



Moderator
Mr. Roberto Borrero
Co-convenor of the IPMG



Welcome remarks delivered by
Ms. Ligia Noronha
Assistant Secretary-General and
Head of UNEP New York Office

Further details on this session are available in the [official summary](#) of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

KEY INSIGHTS FROM SDG ACTION SEGMENTS

This session brought together Segment rapporteurs to synthesize key takeaways from the SDG 3, 5, 8, and 14 Action Segments, highlighting major themes, partnership effectiveness, and investment strategies.



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PANEL - INVESTING IN PARTNERSHIPS: CATALYZING ACTION FOR SDG 17

This session spotlighted the pivotal role of strategic investments in partnerships as a cornerstone for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It explored how funders were optimizing funding modalities to more effectively support partnership development and what else needs to be done to support a more enabling environment for multi-stakeholder collaboration.

Objectives of this session included the following:

- Highlight Innovative Financing Models
- Identify Barriers and Solutions for Effective Partnership Funding
- Promote Inclusive Practices
- Demonstrate the investment required to enable effective partnering

For more information on this session, please click [here](#).



PLENARY SESSION

The Plenary Session featured statements by Member States, observers, UN entities, and stakeholders, highlighting new ideas, priorities, and forward-looking actions for the Council cycle and the HLPF, while showcasing innovative partnerships to advance the 2030 Agenda. Contributions were heard from 21 member states, 8 stakeholders, and 3 representatives from the UN System and IGOs.

More statements can be found [here](#).

CLOSING SESSION

The Plenary Session was followed by a Closing Session, featuring remarks from Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Director of the Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination, DESA, and H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council. Their remarks reflected on the key outcomes of the Forum and the way forward in advancing partnerships for sustainable development. Related remarks can be found [here](#).



SIDE EVENTS

In parallel to the main programme of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, 19 side events were organized in connection to the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum. Side events were organized by Member States, UN entities, relevant International Organizations and stakeholder networks and spotlighted multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovative initiatives to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

More information on side events, including all the summaries of side events can be found [here](#).

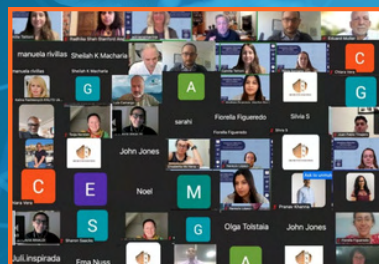
ON-SITE IN UNHQ

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OFF-SITE/VIRTUAL

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OUTPUTS

Supported by UN DESA as the Secretariat of the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, the President of ECOSOC published a Joint Summary for the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and the 2025 Coordination Segment, which were held back-to-back as mandated by Resolution A/RES/75/290A.

Read the official joint
summary of the ECOSOC
President



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Informal Note of the President of ECOSOC, H.E.
Mr. Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Canada to the United
Nations

Read ECOSOC's
President's full informal
note

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You will all be familiar with the saying “If you want to get there faster, you can go it alone. But if you want to go further, you have to do it together.” And that is not a cliché – it’s actually true. If we want to go further and make our achievements truly sustainable, we can only do it if we move forward in the spirit of solidarity.

H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, ECOSOC President, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

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Outreach efforts highlighted the Forum’s key messages and outcomes, engaging diverse audiences through web stories, social media and high-level interviews to reinforce the role of partnerships in advancing sustainable development.

[“Partnering as equals in co-creating a better future” - Interview with ECOSOC President](#)

[Delivering on transformations through partnerships - DESA Website Story](#)

[UN DESA LinkedIn Profile Post](#)



OUTREACH

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