

2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum
27 January 2026
UNHQ, New York

Information Note

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held on 27 January 2026 under the 2026 HLPF/ECOSOC theme¹. The Forum will place a special emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will be reviewed at the 2026 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), namely **Goal 6** (Clean Water and Sanitation), **Goal 7** (Affordable and Clean Energy), **Goal 9** (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), **Goal 11** (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and **Goal 17** (Partnerships for the Goals). In the margins of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, a limited number of side events will be held either in-person (at UN Headquarters), at external venues arranged by the organizers, or in a virtual format.

Concept Note / Programme

The most up-to-date concept note, which contains the latest programme, is accessible from the Forum website [here](#).

Meeting Website:

For details about the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, please visit the website at:

<https://sdgs.un.org/2026ECOSOCPartnershipForum>

Format

- The **opening, presentations by SDG Action Segment Rapporteurs, Panel on SDG 17, plenary session and closing**, which will be chaired by the President of ECOSOC, will be held in-person in the Trusteeship Council Chamber in the Conference Building, UNHQ in New York and will be broadcast live on [UN web TV](#).

During the plenary session, speakers from Member States, observers, UN entities and stakeholders will alternate taking the floor to outline their priorities and recommendations in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as their experiences of, and recommendations for effective partnerships.

➤ **Member states, observers and UN entities:**

There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the plenary session (3:50 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.). In order to request the floor, delegations are requested to press the button on the console when the floor is opened by the presiding officer. Given the limited time available, interventions in the plenary session should be limited to 3 minutes or less. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including through the muting of microphones once the time limit is reached, as needed.

¹ “Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all”.

Written copies of all statements delivered during the plenary sessions should be sent to estatements@un.org at least two hours in advance of delivery. The subject line of the email should clearly identify the date and time of the meeting at which the intervention will be delivered. Interpretation for statements not sent in advance may be impacted or suspended.

➤ **Non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders**

Time permitting, representatives from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC will be invited to make short interventions (no more than 2 minutes, maximum 300 words) during the plenary session.

NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will be able to express their interest in making a statement through an open call to be circulated by UN DESA in early January. Considering the limited number of speaking slots, preference will be given to statements that are made on behalf of groups of organizations/constituencies/major groups.

- The Forum will include **four SDG Action Segments**, each dedicated to one of the Goals slated for review during the HLPF 2026, namely Goal 6, Goal 7, Goal 9 and Goal 11. The action segments will focus on scaling up concrete and innovative partnerships that drive SDG implementation while highlighting their crucial role in fostering tangible actions. The segments are organized by relevant UN entities and stakeholder groups.
- The Forum will also include a **dedicated panel on SDG 17** with the theme *“Three Voices, One Partnership Journey: Demonstrating the Power of Shared Solutions”*, which will weave together three distinct voices in a shared journey of partnership, highlighting how collective ownership and demand-driven collaborations can unlock lasting results and new possibilities.
- **Side Events** will be held in person / and in virtual formats on the margins of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum throughout the day. Side events are organized by Member States, UN entities and stakeholders. A full list of side events and contact details will be available [here](#).

Interpretation

Interpretation in all six official United Nations languages will be available for the entire Forum meetings except the SDG Action Segments (10:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) and side events.

Access to the UNHQ and Special Events Ticket (SET)

All in-person participants MUST be in possession of either a **valid UN grounds pass** or a **Special Events Ticket** issued by the United Nations to enter the United Nations Headquarters.

If you have a valid UN grounds pass: no action is needed. You can use your grounds pass to enter the UNHQ.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and the ECOSOC Chamber.

During the Opening (10:00 – 10:40 a.m.) and afternoon meetings (3:00 – 6:00 p.m.), stakeholders should sit at the public gallery of the Trusteeship Council Chamber accessible from the third floor. If all

seats are taken during the opening meeting, you will be able to use the ECOSOC Chamber to watch the webcast on your personal devices.

Output

The key messages and recommendations of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will be presented to inspire the discussions at the ECOSOC Coordination Segment taking place on the following two days, on 28-29 January. A **consolidated analytical summary** will be prepared by the Council President, in consultation with the Bureau, to capture the key policy messages of the Partnership Forum and those of the Coordination Segment. The summary will serve as input to the July 2026 HLPF, under the auspices of the Council, as well as the overall work of the ECOSOC and other key intergovernmental processes throughout 2026. The President of ECOSOC will also release a **one-page informal note** in the days following the conclusion of the Forum. Both **summaries** will be available at the 2026 Partnership Forum website.

Social media outreach

The hashtag of the event is: **#Partnership4SDGs**. Please join us to keep the conversation going on all our social media platforms:

- X: [@SustDev](#) - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SustDev/>

Accessibility

- Participants are requested to inform the ECOSOC Secretariat (ecosocplace@un.org), in advance, of their accessibility requirements. For any enquiries regarding available assistive tools, please contact the Accessibility Centre (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org; phone: 212 963 7348/9). More information is available [here](#).

Forum Secretariat / Contacts

Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) functions as the Forum's substantive Secretariat, in coordination with the technical Secretariat, the General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (GAEAD) of Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), while informal SDG Action Segments are organized by select partners.

Contacts:

- **Plenary Session:** ecosocplace@un.org
- **All other queries:** dsdg@un.org ("Partnership Forum" as a subject line).

ANNEX: Additional Information

Passport and VISA requirements:

Each participant is personally responsible for obtaining necessary entry visa(s) for travel to and from the meeting venue. Please ensure that the necessary arrangements are made in a timely fashion to obtain a US visa, as appropriate. Information regarding US visa can be found on this website: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>.

Where to Eat:

Participants can purchase food and beverages at the UN Cafes inside the UNHQ.

Riverview Cafeteria

Conference Building - 4th Floor South
Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Visitors Café

General Assembly - 1st Basement South
Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vienna Café

General Assembly – 1st Basement South
Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Alternatively, you may choose to dine at one of the many restaurants located in close proximity to the UN. Should you decide to leave the UN premises, your name-specific special event ticket will enable you to re-enter, but you will need to go through security screening again.

ATM:

The United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) has cash machines (ATMs) inside the United Nations Headquarters.

Medical Services:

Participants are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements, including life, health and other forms deemed appropriate. Make sure that you are covered by your health insurance provider during your stay. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay.

Accessibility:

The United Nations Headquarters is accessible for disabled visitors and persons with limited mobility.

Other relevant information at UNHQ:

Within United Nations premises, all persons are required to comply with safety and security regulations, as well as the rules and procedures of the organization. Any act that disrupts the normal functioning of the organization's programmatic activities, such as public displays of any form, including, but not limited to, clothing, banners, placards or other written or visual means, as well as vocal/audio sounds, gatherings or demonstrations of any kind, including passive, is not allowed.

- All individuals present on the United Nations premises are expected to fully cooperate with United Nations security officers at all times. Refusal to comply with applicable regulations may result in temporary detention or removal from or denial of access to the premises in accordance with Section 10 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement and ST/AI/2019/5, entitled “Authority of United Nations Security Officers”.
- Please bring your own water bottle! Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle and to enjoy the fresh water from the fountains inside the UNHQ.
- Please, be mindful that, by attending an event at UNHQ, you will be entering an area where photography, as well as audio and video recording, may occur. By joining the event, participants consent to appearing in images and recordings and for the release, publication, exhibition and reproduction of such images and recordings.
- The United Nations Headquarters is a workplace for delegates and staff. Participants are reminded to behave appropriately, to keep noise levels down, and to dress in a way that respects the professional working environment of the United Nations.
- Please note that backpacks and bags larger than 14” (35 cm) x 13” (33cm) high x 4” (10 Cm) deep are not permitted and that there are no luggage storage facilities available.
- United Nations Security reserves the right to deny entry or remove from the premises anyone not behaving or dressed appropriately.
- The United Nations Headquarters is accessible for disabled visitors and persons with limited mobility.
- All visitors to United Nations Headquarters must go through security screening (airport-style). Food and beverages cannot be brought into the United Nations. Only accredited media can bring professional cameras or other media equipment into UNHQ.

Planning your Travel:

Registered participants are personally responsible for arranging their travel to and from New York City and for obtaining the necessary entry visa(s) for travel to and from the meeting venue. Please ensure that the necessary arrangements are made in a timely fashion to obtain a US visa, as appropriate. Information regarding US visas can be found on this website: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>.

The three main airports in NYC are:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport
- Newark International Airport
- LaGuardia Airport (for flights within the US and from Canada and the Caribbean)

The two major train stations in NYC are:

- Penn Station (Amtrak, New Jersey Transit, Long Island Railroad)
- Grand Central (Metro North, Long Island Railroad)

Getting Around NYC:

- **Subway**: Number 4, 5, 6 or 7 trains to Grand Central Station: walk east to 1st Avenue.

- [Buses](#): Coming from lower Manhattan, bus [M15](#) will stop on 1st Avenue in front of the United Nations. From uptown, bus [M15](#) will run on 2nd Avenue and stop on 46th and 42nd Streets. Buses [M42](#) and [M104](#) stop on 42nd Street and 1st Avenue in both directions.
- [Taxis](#): New York City taxis are available from any destination.