

Charting progress: Follow up to the 2022 review of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies

Roundtable discussion during the 2024 June management segment

Thursday 6 June 2024

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (NY Time)

General Assembly resolution [75/290 A](#) mandated the Economic and Social Council to “hold a discussion to integrate the key messages from the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the United Nations system on the main theme, develop action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the high-level political forum on sustainable development”¹.

Resolution [75/290 A](#) also invited the Economic and Social Council to continue to strengthen its oversight, guidance and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies and invited² the President and Bureau of the Council to work with the Bureaux of its subsidiary bodies, and in consultation with delegations during the 2022 session of the Council, so as to identify possible actions to be taken to implement the provisions of paragraphs 28 and 29 of the annex to resolution 72/305.³

A review was undertaken in 2022, under the facilitation of H.E. Ms Lachezara Stoeva (Bulgaria), the Vice-President responsible for the management segment during the 2022 session of the Council, on the basis of the [assessments](#) and recommendations of the Bureaux of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies and informal consultations among Member States.

ECOSOC decision [2022/334](#) was adopted in June 2022, by which the Council invited the President and Bureau of the Council as well as the Chairs and Bureaux of its functional commissions and expert bodies, Member States and the Secretariat to implement, to the extent possible, within existing mandates and resources. By its decision [2022/334](#), the Council also decided to review the implementation of the recommendations at its 2026 session.

Progress in the implementation of recommendations contained in [2022/334](#) has been reported by the functional commissions and expert bodies, which also have followed up on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2022 review at the [Coordination Segment](#), including through the [mapping](#) of their work in support of the SDGs and infographics⁴ reflecting their latest work. The requests for meetings

¹ A/RES/75/290 A, Annex, paragraph 28.

² A/RES/75/290 A, Annex, paragraph 33.

³ 28. The Economic and Social Council should strengthen its oversight and coordination role of its subsidiary bodies. It should review their work with a view to ensuring their continued relevance. It will also ensure that they produce technical and expert analysis, assessments and policy recommendations to inform the integrated view of the Council and inform efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda. It should effectively integrate the outcomes of its subsidiary bodies into its own work.

29. The Economic and Social Council should request its subsidiary bodies to ensure that they best support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the work of the Council. Their work should reflect the need for an integrated and action-oriented approach to the Sustainable Development Goals. Their recommendations should build on a solid evidence-based review of progress on the 2030 Agenda and of the outcomes of conferences and summits in their respective area. They should work in an efficient, effective, transparent and inclusive manner.

⁴ The infographics can be found under each subsidiary body in the [ECOSOC subsidiary bodies website](#) as well as under each year in the [Coordination Segment website](#).

between the ECOSOC Bureau and the Bureaux of subsidiary bodies during their sessions have increased, as has the participation of representatives in each other's meetings.

Amidst ongoing consultations on the review of resolution 75/290 and preparations for the Summit of the Future, a halfway point in assessing the implementation of the 2022 recommendations has been reached.

The critical guidance provided by the Council to its subsidiary bodies – ensuring coherence, avoiding overlap, and enhancing collective impact – will significantly contribute to charting progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and enabling the implementation of the outcomes from the Summit of the Future through coordinated, impactful action by the Council, its subsidiary machinery and UN system entities.

Objectives:

The roundtable discussion will aim to:

1. follow-up to the recommendations arising from the 2022 review of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies, with a view to developing action-oriented recommendations that could amplify impact in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. contribute to the 2024 HLPF as well as inform forthcoming reviews of resolution 75/290.
3. provide a valuable contribution to the implementation of the outcomes of the upcoming Summit of the Future through coordinated action by the ECOSOC system⁵.
4. offer an opportunity for the ECOSOC to monitor progress and provide additional guidance.

Format

The roundtable discussion will take place on Thursday 6 June 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber. The discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Bob Rae (Canada), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, responsible for the management segment. Participants will include Member States as well as Chairs of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies.

Outcome

The outcome of the discussion will be a summary with key messages and recommendations.

Background documents

As mandated by GA [resolution 75/290 A](#), the roundtable discussion will be “informed by the [existing report](#) of the Secretary-General synthesizing the inputs of the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums to the thematic review of the high-level political forum”, as well as the summary of the [2024 ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#) and the [inputs](#) of [ECOSOC subsidiary bodies](#) to the HLPF.

⁵ The [ECOSOC system](#) is an ecosystem of bodies in the economic, social, environmental, cultural, educational, health and related fields that report to the Economic and Social Council. This includes the Council's subsidiary bodies (regional commissions, functional commissions and expert bodies, standing committees, ad hoc bodies, and other related bodies) and United Nations entities working in the matters under the purview of the Council, including specialized agencies.