


**2025 ECOSOC Coordination Segment**

**ECOSOC Chamber**

Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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<b>Thursday, 6 February 2025</b>	
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Opening</b>
–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba</b> (Equatorial Guinea), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council responsible for the Coordination Segment</li> </ul>
<b>10:15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Bob Rae</b> (Canada), President of the Economic and Social Council [<i>Key messages from the Partnership Forum</i>]</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Guy Ryder</b>, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Policy</li> </ul>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Panel 1: Conversation with Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions and Chairs of functional commissions and expert bodies on accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals including by leveraging the outcomes of the Summit of the Future</b>
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<b>13:00</b>	
	 <p><i>This session will highlight the important contributions of ECOSOC’s subsidiary bodies in supporting Member States in achieving the 2030 Agenda and how the outcomes of the Summit of the Future can further accelerate these efforts. Member States are invited to (i) reflect on the work of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and proposals from the informal note prepared by the Secretariat, and (ii) provide action-oriented and forward-looking policy guidance and direction to the UN system to ensure coherence in efforts to step up action towards the SDGs.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Ms. Minh-Thu Pham</b>, Co-founder of Project Starling, Nonresident Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Lecturer at the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University</p> <p>Panel:</p> <p>Executive Secretaries of regional commissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Claver Gatete</b>, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and coordinator for the regional commissions for 2025 (<i>virtual</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Tatiana Molcean</b>, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs</b>, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</li> </ul>



- **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) ([video message](#))
- **Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Chairs of functional commissions and expert bodies:

- **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski**, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) on its 63<sup>rd</sup> session
- **H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil**, Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on its 69<sup>th</sup> session
- **H.E. Mr. Shambhu Santha Kumaran**, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Vienna and Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) on its 68<sup>th</sup> session ([video message](#))
- **H.E. Mr. José Antonio Zabalgotia Trejo**, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in Vienna and Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) on its 34<sup>th</sup> session ([video message](#))
- **H.E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah**, Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the United Nations in Geneva and Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) on its 28<sup>th</sup> session
- **Mr. Georges-Simon Ulrich**, Director General of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO) and Chair of the Statistical Commission on its 55<sup>th</sup> session ([virtual](#))
- **Ms. Catharina Lasseur**, Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of Human Rights and Development Department of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on its 58<sup>th</sup> session
- **Mr. Duane Pfund**, International Program Coordinator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) of the United States Department of Transportation and Chair of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (TDG-GHS) on its 12<sup>th</sup> session
- **Mr. Rabiú Olowo**, Executive Secretary/CEO of the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria and Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) on its 41<sup>st</sup> session
- **Mr. Pierre Jaillard**, President of the National Toponymy Commission of France and Chair of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) on its 2025 session ([virtual](#))
- **Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe**, General Administrator of the National Geographic Institute of Belgium and Co-Chair of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) on its 14<sup>th</sup> session ([video message](#))
- **Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo**, Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University and member of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP)
- **Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi**, Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) on its 23<sup>rd</sup> session
- **Ms. Laura-Maria Crăciunean-Tatu**, Professor at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, and Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) on its 76<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> sessions ([virtual](#))



- **Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Founder of the Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT) and Expert in Indigenous Peoples’ traditional ecological knowledge and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, and Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) on its 23<sup>rd</sup> session
- **Mr. Javad Momeni**, First Counselor of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) on its 20<sup>th</sup> session

Discussant:

- **H.E. Mr. Fergal Mythen**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the CSW revitalization process
- **H.E. Ms. Gladys Mokhawa**, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the CSW revitalization process

Interactive discussion

LUNCH BREAK

**15:00 – 16:30** **Panel 2: Exploring transformative solutions to foster sustainability and build an inclusive and prosperous future for all**



*In an interdependent and complex world, achieving sustainability and intergenerational equity requires a holistic, systems-based approach. This session will explore how natural, scientific and intangible assets – such as knowledge, practices and culture – can shape and drive the transformative solutions needed for the successful implementation of the SDGs. Anchored in the guiding principles of the 2030 Agenda and the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, the discussion will focus on the critical interlinkages between climate action, environmental sustainability, including ocean conservation, sustainable agrifood systems, and socio-economic dimensions such as social cohesion, economic opportunity, inclusivity, resilience and intergenerational equity. The discussion will also highlight the need for including indigenous knowledge in sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs, as well as emphasize the importance of partnerships to better integrate these solutions into sustainable development strategies.*

Moderator: (tbc)

Fireside chat:

- **Ms. Ligia Noronha**, Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)’s New York Office
- **Mr. Maximo Torero**, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Chief Economist

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- **Mr. Achim Steiner**, Administrator of the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP)



- **Mr. Eduard Matoko**, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Affairs of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (*virtual*)
- **Mr. Pablo Fernández Marmissolle-Daguerre**, Assistant Secretary-General for Partnerships at United Cities and Local Governments (Local Authorities Major Group)

Discussants:

- **H.E. Ms. Ilana Victorya Seid**, Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
- **H.E. Mr. Sérgio França Danse**, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations and host of COP 30

Interactive discussion

**16:30** **Panel 3: Investing in healthy, inclusive and resilient societies to leave no one behind**

**18:00**



*This session will highlight the importance of a people-centered approach in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as a prerequisite to sustainable development and lasting peace. It will seek to address the interlinkages between gender, health and well-being and showcase efforts of the UN system to address pressing ongoing and emerging challenges as well as solutions, including social protection and universal health coverage for all, in particular for the most vulnerable. On the eve of Beijing+30 and the Second World Summit for Social Development, the session will also highlight policies and partnerships that can empower individuals and communities to thrive in a healthy, just, sustainable, peaceful and prosperous society.*

Moderator: **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski** (Poland), Vice-President of ECOSOC and Chair of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) on its 63<sup>rd</sup> session

Fireside chat:

- **Ms. Catharina Lasseur**, Minister Plenipotentiary and Head of Human Rights and Development Department of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on its 58<sup>th</sup> session
- **Mr. Werner Obermeyer**, Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Office at the United Nations in New York

Panel:

- **H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil**, Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women on its 69<sup>th</sup> session
- **Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and Head of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in New York
- **Ms. Isabel Chatterton**, Senior Adviser to the Vice President of the World Bank Group / International Finance Cooperation (WBG)
- **Ms. Ophelia Kemigisha**, Program Officer at Outright International (LGBTI Stakeholder Group)



Discussants

- **H.E. Mr. Osama Mahmoud Abdelkhalek Mahmoud**, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of African States for the month of February 2025
- Co-facilitator of the outcome of the **Second World Summit for Social Development** (*tbc*)

Interactive discussion

**Friday, 7 February 2025**

**10:00** **Panel 4: Creating employment and decent work opportunities for all**

**11:30**



*This session will examine strategies to shape future societies that promote inclusive growth, resilient economies, and decent work for all. It will discuss how investing in human capital, raising productivity, transforming education systems, and bridging the digital divides can advance a human-centered approach to the future of work. It will also showcase how ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system are fostering environments where the needs and perspectives of young people and future generations are considered.*

Moderator: **Ms. Mahlet Zeleke Redi**, Focal Point of Global Youth Caucus on Decent Work and Sustainable Economies Major Group for Children and Youth

Fireside chat:

- **Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**, Executive Secretary of ECLAC
- **Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations

Panel:




- **Mr. Georges-Simon Ulrich**, Director General of the Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland and Chair of the Statistical Commission on its 55<sup>th</sup> session (*virtual*)
- **Mr. Gerd Müller**, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (*video message*)
- **Ms. Sima Sami Bahous**, Executive Director of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- **Ms. Veronica Brown**, Women's Major Group

Discussants:


- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Permanent Representative of Nepal and Chair of the Least Developed Countries
- **H.E. Mr. Brian Christopher Manley Wallace**, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the Declaration on Future Generations

Interactive discussion



<p>11:30 – 13:00</p>	<p><b>Panel 5: Harnessing data, science, technology and innovation to advance digital progress</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">    </div> <p><i>This session will explore the transformative potential of data, science, technology and innovation in advancing the SDGs under review in 2025, namely SDG 3 (health and well-being), SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 14 (life below water) and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals). A key focus will be on fostering technology transfer and capacity-building to bridge the digital divides, particularly for countries in vulnerable situations, to ensure that all nations can benefit from digital progress. The session will consider ways to strengthen the science-policy interface and promote evidence-based approaches to accelerate progress on the SDGs. Discussions will also explore pathways to harness the power of AI and other emerging technologies to create sustainable pathways for health, inclusion, economic opportunities and environmental sustainability while minimizing potential risks.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mr. Quintin Chou-Lambert</b>, Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Technology</p> <p><u>Fireside chat:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi</b>, Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) on its 23<sup>rd</sup> session</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Tomas Lamanuskas</b>, Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) <i>(virtual)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah</b>, Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the United Nations in Geneva and Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) on its 28<sup>th</sup> session</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Fernand Bale</b>, Director of the Geographic and Digital Information Center of the National Office of Technical Studies and Development (BNETD) of Côte d'Ivoire and Co-Chair of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) on its 14<sup>th</sup> session <i>(video message)</i></li> <li>- <b>Ms. Tatiana Molcean</b>, Executive Secretary of UNECE</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Julia Glidden</b>, Group President of Ipsos Public Affairs U.S. and expert on digital government</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Chola Milambo</b>, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the Global Digital Compact</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Ms. Elina Kalkku</b>, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations and co-Chair of the STI Forum</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	
	<p><b>Panel 6: Leveling the multilateral playing field: Financing and investment solutions for sustainable development in countries in special situations</b></p>



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	<p><i>This session will address the critical challenges countries face in financing the SDGs under review in 2025, with a particular focus on countries in special situations. Many of these nations face dual pressures of advancing sustainable development while dealing with high financing costs and mounting debt servicing burdens. Strengthening multilateralism through inclusive and effective processes, solidarity, as well as providing guidance and capacity development is essential for addressing systemic inequalities in global governance structures and fostering equity, resilience and sustainable development, with the upcoming Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) a key opportunity to reach an ambitious global agreement. The session will discuss key policy issues and recommendations tailored to the unique circumstances of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) related to access to affordable long-term financing through initiatives like the SDG Stimulus Package, innovative financing mechanisms, debt restructuring and debt relief solutions, fairer international trade practices, and strategies to boost domestic revenue mobilization and scaling up private sector investments. Discussions will also focus on mobilizing accessible financing for climate action and disaster risk reduction, critical for achieving all SDGs. Insights from this session will also aim to inform preparations for FfD 4 to drive ambitious actions for the 2030 Agenda.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa</b> (Nepal), Vice-President of ECOSOC and co-facilitator of FFD4</p> <p><b>Fireside chat:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo</b>, Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University and member of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Robert Powell</b>, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the United Nations</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Mathew Gbonjubola</b>, Co-Chair of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (UNTC)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Rebeca Grynspan</b>, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) <i>(virtual)</i></li> <li>- <b>Ms. Rabab Fatima</b>, High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Claver Gatete</b>, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and coordinator for the regional commissions for 2025 <i>(virtual)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair of the <b>Landlocked Developing Countries</b> <i>(tbc)</i></li> <li>- Co-facilitator of <b>FFD4</b> <i>(tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p>



16:30	<b>Panel 7: Commitment to action: Scenarios for impactful decision-making</b>
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17:50	
	<p><i>The window for meaningful progress in achieving the SDG is narrowing fast. This session will focus on the urgency of taking bold and decisive actions now to achieve the SDGs by the 2030 deadline, featuring insights from foresight exercises, discussing potential scenarios and outcomes based on different decision-making pathways, urging the use of science- and evidence-based decision-making to achieve better results. Discussions will explore how forward-looking approaches can inform policies that are resilient to global challenges, reinforcing that timely, bold actions today will shape an equitable, sustainable and prosperous world for generations to come.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba</b> (Equatorial Guinea), Vice-President of ECOSOC responsible for the Coordination Segment</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr. Natalia Kanem</b>, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Kitty van der Heijden</b>, Deputy Executive Director for Partnerships of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Kelly Clements</b>, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees (<i>virtual</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Thomas Schnöll</b>, Special Representative and Permanent Observer of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to the United Nations in New York</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Chris Earney</b>, Head of the United Nations Futures Lab (<i>virtual</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>H.E. Mr. Neville Melvin Gertze</b>, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the Pact for the Future</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
17:50	<b>Closing</b>
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Navid Hanif</b>, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA</li> </ul>
18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba</b> (Equatorial Guinea), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council and Chair of the Coordination Segment</li> </ul>

\* The programme of the Coordination Segment will bridge the retrospective and prospective aspects of its mandate by exploring the interlinkages between the SDGs under review in 2025 and those reviewed in 2024. Suggested interlinkages to be addressed are highlighted in each panel above, indicated by the corresponding SDG symbols.

