



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

As a new year begins, I would like to seize this opportunity to wish you a happy, productive and successful 2025.

As President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) I have the honour to refer to the working arrangements for the 2025 session of the Council as contained in resolution [E/RES/2025/1](#).

The Council will have a busy year as it works to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, effectively follow up on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future and contribute to important global conferences such as the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, the 2025 UN Ocean Conference, the second World Summit for Social Development, the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+30), as well as the review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20).

I know that we all have full schedules, but I would deeply appreciate your personal engagement in the work of ECOSOC in what will be a challenging year.

In this regard, I wish to highlight some of the upcoming meetings of the Council:

- a) **Partnership Forum**, 5 February 2025. It will enable discussions on concrete ways to promote the implementation of SDGs under review at the 2025 session of the High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) and the Pact for the Future.
- b) **Coordination Segment**, 6-7 February 2025. The segment will provide guidance to ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and UN system entities to address pressing global issues and advance the SDGs and the Pact for the Future in a coordinated manner. It will contribute to the 2025 HLPF and the ECOSOC high-level segment.
- c) **Development Cooperation Forum**, 12-13 March 2025. The forum holds particular significance in the run up to FfD4 Conference.

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- d) **Special Meeting of the Council on International Cooperation in Tax Matters**, 28 March 2025. It will inform preparations for the FfD4 Conference.
- e) **Youth Forum**, 15-17 April 2025. It will be an opportunity for young people to share their perspectives to expedite the implementation of the SDGs under the theme of the 2025 ECOSOC and HLPF and discuss the outcomes of the Summit of the Future.
- f) **Forum on Financing for Development follow-up**, 28-29 April 2025. The forum will be an important opportunity to further discuss issues related to the FfD4 process.
- g) **Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals**, 7-8 May 2025. The forum will focus on the role and contributions of science, technology and innovation to the achievement of the SDGs under review at the 2025 HLPF.
- h) **Operational Activities for Development Segment**, 20-22 May 2025. It is the first occasion for Member States to ensure accountability of the UN development system and oversight of system-wide results as part of the implementation of the 2024 General Assembly resolution on quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities (QCPR).
- i) **Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development**, 17 June 2025 in Geneva. It takes place immediately preceding the Humanitarian Affairs Segment and aims to address concrete actions to promote more coordinated support across humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts.
- j) **Humanitarian Affairs Segment**, 18-20 June 2025 in Geneva. This segment is a unique platform that brings together Member States, UN organizations, humanitarian and development partners, the private sector and affected communities to discuss and agree on how to best tackle the most recent and pressing humanitarian concerns.
- k) **High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)** convened under the auspices of the Council, 14-18 July 2025, and the high-level segment of the ECOSOC, including the three-day ministerial segment of the HLPF on 21-24 July 2025. The meeting will focus on the theme of the 2025 ECOSOC and HLPF. The HLPF will also have in-depth reviews on SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17. 39 countries will present voluntary national reviews (VNRs). The meeting provides opportunities to reinforce key intergovernmental processes occurring this year, including FfD4, Beijing+30 review, the UN Ocean Conference, and WSSD2.
- l) **Meetings of the Management Segment**, 4 April 2025 (elections); 10-11 June 2025; and 29 July-30 July 2025.
- m) **Organizational session** regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2025 to July 2026 (31 July 2025), including the handover ceremony and election of the 2026 Bureau.

In addition, I plan to convene a special meeting on migration and displacement as well as a special meeting on artificial intelligence in 2025. A joint meeting of ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission is also envisioned, as is a joint meeting of the General Assembly and ECOSOC. More details of all these events will be made available on the website of the Council (www.un.org/ecosoc).

I also wish to inform you that the President of the 79th session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang, and I will hold a joint briefing session to Member States on 20 January 2025 at 3 p.m.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the schedule of work of ECOSOC's subsidiary machinery, including its functional commissions such as the Commission on the Status of Women, which is available at: [ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies | Economic and Social Council](#)

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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