



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

25 March 2025

Excellency,

I am pleased to refer to my letter of 14 January 2025 on the working arrangements for the 2025 session of the Council as contained in resolution [E/RES/2025/1](#) and bring to your kind attention the different opportunities for Member States to engage and participate actively in ECOSOC segments, forums and special meetings taking place in the coming months.

The Council will continue to offer an important platform for deliberations and actions 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 Third United Nations Ocean Conference, the Second World Summit for Social Development, as well as the review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20).

Thank you for your active engagement in the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+30) at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March as well as at the Partnership Forum, the Coordination Segment, and the Development Cooperation Forum.

For the rest of the ECOSOC cycle until July 2025, please allow me to highlight several upcoming meetings of the Council that may be of interest for high-level representation for your country:

- a) **Youth Forum**, 15-17 April 2025. The forum 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.
- b) **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.
- c) **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.

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- d) **Operational Activities for Development Segment**, 20-22 May 2025. The segment 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).
- e) **Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development**, 17 June 2025 in Geneva. The meeting 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.
- f) **Humanitarian Affairs Segment**, 18-20 June 2025 in Geneva. This segment 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.
- g) **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 on 21-24 July 2025, including the three-day ministerial segment of the HLPF. The meeting will focus on the theme of the 2025 ECOSOC and HLPF. The HLPF will also have in-depth reviews of SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17. 37 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.
- h) **Meetings of the Management Segment**, 4 April 2025 (elections); 10-11 June 2025; and 29 July-30 July 2025.
- i) **Organizational session** on the Council's programme of work from July 2025 to July 2026 (31 July 2025), including handover ceremony and election of the 2026 Bureau.

In addition, two ECOSOC special meetings will be convened in 2025, on “*Forced Displacement and Refugee Protection*” (24 April 2025) and on “*Artificial Intelligence*” (6 May 2025) for the Council to address specific challenges and opportunities of both issues. A joint meeting of ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission focusing on the devastating situation in Haiti is also envisioned for early June 2025. More details of all these events will be made available on the website of the Council (www.un.org/ecosoc).

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

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



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