

## **United Nations Economic and Social Council Operational Activities for Development Segment New York, 20 - 22 May 2025**

Keeping the promise on sustainable development in times of uncertainty – The United Nations development system delivering for results

### **Draft Programme Outline**

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#### **Background**

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) operational activities for development segment (OAS) serves as the accountability and oversight platform for the United Nations development system (UNDS) to accelerate system-wide performance and results in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. The General Assembly has also emphasized that at the Segment, Member States will exercise oversight on implementation of the resolution on repositioning of the United Nations development system.

The 2025 segment will be the first opportunity for ECOSOC to guide the overall progress of the UNDS including the Resident Coordinator System, in implementation of General Assembly resolution 79/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for the United Nations development system (QCPR) and related mandates.<sup>1</sup>

The QCPR emphasizes the role of the General Assembly in developing system-wide policy orientation and operational modalities for the UNDS. The ECOSOC OAS focuses on the coordination, coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of United Nations operational activities for development and provides the critical space for exchanging views on key results, lessons learned and challenges in QCPR implementation, with a view to have member States policy guidance and recommendations to strengthen UNDS delivery<sup>2</sup>.

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#### **Informal briefing**

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolutions 72/279, 76/4.

<sup>2</sup> Operative Paragraph 92, 93, and 127.

The ECOSOC Vice-President of Poland, H.E. Ambassador Krzysztof Szczerski, will convene an informal briefing to Member States on preparations for the Segment in late April 2025.

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## **Documentation**

The Segment will be informed by the 2025 Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the 2025 report of the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

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## **Side events**

Requests for a limited number of side events closely linked to the OAS programme focus may be considered, to be organized on the margins of the segment, subject to the restrictions and measures to respond to the United Nations resource constraints.

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## **Outcome**

The ECOSOC Vice-President will provide a Chair's Summary after the segment.

The ECOSOC membership is expected to adopt an intergovernmental outcome (a decision rather than a resolution) on operational activities for development, following the OAS, in line with the ECOSOC's oversight functions over the new Resident Coordinator system.

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## **Website**

All information will be posted as it becomes available:

[Guiding Operational Activities for Development | Economic and Social Council](#)

## Programme

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ECOSOC Chamber, New York, 20 – 22 May 2025

DAY 1: TUE 20 MAY High-level	DAY 2: WED 21 MAY	DAY 3: THU 22 MAY
<p><b>10:00 AM – 10:30 AM</b> <b>1. Opening of the Segment</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM – 1:00 PM</b> <b>2. Supporting the front-lines of operational activities for development:</b> Messages from the field</p>	<p><b>10:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b> <b>4. Dialogue with the Deputy Secretary-General</b> on the UNSDG Chair's report on the Development Coordination Office and the Resident Coordinator System</p>	<p><b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b> <b>7. Effective accountability: UN system evaluation</b> Report of the System-wide Evaluation Office (SWEQ)  Dialogue on recent evaluation results and management response</p> <p><b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b> <b>8. Effective accountability: Action for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment</b></p>
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<p><b>3:00 PM – 6:00 PM</b> <b>3. High-level Dialogue with the Secretary-General</b> on his report on the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 79/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system</p>	<p><b>3:00 PM – 4:30 PM</b> <b>5. Dialogue with UNDS Executive Heads: Supporting countries to achieve sustainable development in the current context</b></p> <p><b>4:30 PM – 6:00 PM</b> <b>6. SDG financing at the country level: dialogue with UN country teams and other actors</b></p>	<p><b>3:00 PM – 4:30 PM</b> <b>9. Supporting countries in implementing the SDGs in complex settings:</b> interlinkages between development and peacebuilding</p> <p><b>4:30 PM – 5:45 PM</b> <b>10. Development needs and solutions for internally displaced persons</b></p> <p><b>5:45 PM– 6:00 PM</b> <b>11. Closing</b></p>