

## Unity in Action: Accelerating SDG Implementation and Building a Better Future for All

Roundtable discussion during the 2025 June management segment

Wednesday, 11 June 2025

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (NY Time) – ECOSOC Chamber

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”<sup>1</sup>.

The 2025 roundtable discussion takes place at a moment when increasing geopolitical tensions, intersecting environmental, economic and technological challenges, as well as deepening inequalities are shaping the global context and underscoring the urgent need for coherent and decisive action.

As the United Nations marks its [80<sup>th</sup> anniversary](#) and steps up efforts to implement the Pact for the Future, and advance preparations for key conferences – such as the [2025 United Nations Ocean Conference](#), the [Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development](#), the [Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries](#), the [Second World Summit for Social Development](#) and the [2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference](#) (COP30) – expectations are high for the United Nations to demonstrate its continued relevance, agility, and effectiveness in addressing increasingly complex global challenges.

The roundtable, which will be held under the overall theme “*Unity in Action: Accelerating SDG Implementation and Building a Better Future for All*”, will focus on how to build on the recommendations in the Pact for the Future to further strengthen the role of ECOSOC in driving solutions, actions and partnerships to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and help build a more prosperous, sustainable and inclusive future.

### Specific objectives of the roundtable discussion

1. Building on the recommendations of the [2025 ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#), the roundtable *will seek to integrate* key messages and policy insights from the Council’s subsidiary bodies and UN system entities and generate concrete, action-oriented recommendations and guidance for the [2025 HLPF](#).
2. *It will strive to showcase and strengthen the role of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies* as drivers of multilateralism, cooperation and solidarity as well as advance collaborative and evidence-based responses to global challenges in a rapidly evolving and complex international context.

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<sup>1</sup> A/RES/75/290 A, Annex, paragraph 28.

3. *Highlight the ECOSOC system's contributions* to enhancing the relevance, coherence and impact of the United Nations by generating integrated, inclusive and forward-looking policy recommendations that support the acceleration of SDG implementation and leave no one behind.
4. *Translate system-wide expertise and deliberations* into coherent guidance that contributes meaningfully to ongoing global processes and the implementation of the Pact for the Future.
5. *Explore how, working together, ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies can harness the power of partnerships* to accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and advance our shared global priorities.

### **Format**

The roundtable will take the form of a panel discussion, chaired by H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa (Nepal), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council responsible for the management segment. It will be designed to encourage dynamic, engaging and solutions-driven discussions into practical, forward-looking recommendations.

The meeting will bring together Member States, Chairs of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies, UN system entities and representatives of other stakeholders including non-governmental organizations.

### **Outcome**

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

### **Background documents**

1. GA [resolution 75/290 A](#) indicates that the roundtable discussion is to 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”.
2. [Inputs](#) of the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums to the thematic reviews of the high-level political forum.
3. [Informal note by the Secretariat](#) and [summary](#) of the [2025 ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#).