

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

### **Call for 2025 OAS Side Events**

Side events will be held on the margins of the Economic and Social Council Operational Activities for development Segment (OAS), 20 to 22 May 2025.

The theme of the OAS 2025 is: *‘Keeping the promise on sustainable development in times of uncertainty – The United Nations development system delivering for results’*. The segment will focus on the coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and impact of the United Nations activities for development. They are intended to provide opportunities to discuss additional topics of interest and delve deeper into specific aspects of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of the UN system operational activities.

ECOSOC Vice-President of Poland, H.E. Ambassador Krzysztof Szczerski, overseeing the preparations for the OAS, will review the side events submissions.

The deadline for submission is 10 May 2025.

The schedule of side events will be posted after review, at the OAS 2025 Website: [2025 Operational Activities for Development Segment | Economic and Social Council](#)

### **Format**

**Side events must be held on the margins of official meetings, during the lunch period: 1:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

Due to ongoing austerity measures, side events at the United Nations Headquarter cannot be held outside of the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Side events at United Nations Headquarters are considered on a full cost-recovery basis. Without remote participation and interpretation services.**

Publicizing of side events is the responsibility of its organizers.

### **Criteria**

- Side events can be organized by Member States, United Nations entities, Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs), Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) and other organizations with UN accreditation. IGOs, MGoS and NGOs without accreditation or in consultative status with the UN must partner with a Member State, UN system entity or with another IGO, MGoS, or NGO with accreditation or consultative status.

- Joint organization of events is strongly encouraged to avoid duplication and overlap on similar topics.
- Side events must align with 2025 OAS, including a focus on UN development system-wide priorities related to operational activities for development.
- The side events should be open to all participants. Organizers of closed events or by invitation only events aiming for an exclusive audience are kindly advised to make alternate arrangements outside of the UN Headquarters.
- Panel composition should strive to ensure geographic and gender balance.

## Online Form

Please complete the following form, to register your event:

[ECOSOC OAS 2025 Side Event Request Form](#).

Or scan QR Code:



## Technical services

The cost of all technical services for in-person side events at UNHQ is the responsibility of the organizer. Standard technical services for in person side-events at UNHQ may be provided by the Broadcast and Conference Support Section (BCSS), subject to availability of service and applicable service charges. These services include assisting with managing the conference system and configuring the interpretation booths. Standard services do not include remote participation, sign interpretation, CART (close or open captioning), and remote simultaneous interpretation.

Official interpretation services from the UN Secretariat are not available for side events.

## Safety and security

The OAS side events should be organized in line with the principles of the United Nations. The United Nations is committed to enabling events taking place on UN premises in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment. All participants of the OAS side events and any contributions they make, must comply with the [United Nations System Code of Conduct](#). By engaging in the OAS you accept and agree to abide by the [United Nations System Code of Conduct](#).

Within United Nations premises, all persons are required to comply with safety and security regulations, as well as the rules and procedures of the organization. Any act that disrupts the normal functioning of the organization's programmatic activities, such as public displays of any form, including, but not limited to, clothing, banners, placards or other written or visual means, as well as vocal/audio sounds, gatherings, or demonstrations of any kind, including passive, is not allowed. All individuals present on the United Nations premises are expected to fully cooperate with United Nations security officers at all times. Refusal to comply with applicable regulations may result in temporary detention or removal from or denial of access to the premises in accordance with Section 10 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement and ST/AI/2019/5, entitled "Authority of United Nations Security Officers"