

**Opening statement by H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa (Nepal),
Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, to the
roundtable discussion:**

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

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Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour to welcome you to this important roundtable discussion of the 2025 June management segment of the Economic and Social Council, under the theme of *“Unity in Action: Accelerating SDG Implementation and Building a Better Future for All”*.

The world is being reshaped by intensifying geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, widening inequalities, climate crisis and the rapid pace of technological transformation. These complex realities remind us why it is so important to deliver on the promises of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs.

But progress does not happen in isolation. It demands courage, coherence and collaboration across the United Nations bodies and entities. Similarly, we need constructive dialogue among all member states with bold vision, commitment and action. And it begins right here, with the Economic and Social Council as a platform not only for deliberation, but also for transformative action and bold policy-making.

ECOSOC and its ecosystem of bodies and reporting entities offer extraordinary value, contributing with an unparalleled depth of knowledge to Member States while serving as an inclusive body which convenes all stakeholders to engage on high-impact and targeted policy discourse. ECOSOC gives voice to

regions, sectors and communities. It brings together science, policy and practice. And it reminds us that collective solutions can be achieved if we are all committed to finding them.

This roundtable builds on the momentum of the 2025 Coordination Segment and provides us with a unique opportunity to distil the insights and recommendations from the Council's subsidiary bodies and UN system entities into clear, actionable guidance.

I look forward to the insights from our distinguished speakers and from all of you throughout this interactive session. I encourage all of us to think through the lens of action. This is the time for bold, united and accelerated action. This is the time to break barriers, align our strategies, and work together for better delivery. It is not only the big actions that matter. It is also through the everyday commitment to small change that we inch closer to realizing a sustainable world.

As the United Nations marks its 80th anniversary, we are being called to reinvigorate multilateralism and solidarity for a new era. Today's discussion is an opportunity to showcase how the work of ECOSOC is doing just that.

Thank you.