



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

14 November 2025

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to participate in the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on Friday, 23 January 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the ECOSOC Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event will take place under the theme, *“ECOSOC80: A Turning Point for Multilateralism.”*

Established by the Charter of the United Nations in 1945, ECOSOC is mandated to promote international cooperation on economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related issues. Marking eight decades since its inaugural session held on 23 January 1946 in London, United Kingdom, the event will provide an opportunity to reflect on the Council’s historic role, achievements and legacy in advancing the principles of the United Nations Charter. It will also aim to highlight the Council’s contributions to sustainable development and global governance over the years, and to reaffirm Member States’ commitments to multilateralism and solidarity. A forward-looking dialogue on ECOSOC’s role in addressing current and future challenges will also be promoted.

Additional information, including the concept note and programme, will be posted on the official website of the commemoration at <https://ecosoc.un.org/en/un80>.

For any queries, please contact Ms. Patricia Chaves (e-mail: chavesp@un.org) and Mr. Paul Simon (email: simonp@un.org) in the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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

Lok Bahadur Thapa
President of ECOSOC

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