



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

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Excellency,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend in-person the **2026 Partnership Forum of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**, to be held on **Tuesday, 27 January 2026 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. (EST)**, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and the ECOSOC Chamber (for two of the SDG Action Segments) at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

The Partnership Forum will mark the beginning of the intensive part of the 2026 ECOSOC cycle and set the tone for the coming year. Under the overall theme of “*Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all*”, the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will bring together Member States, stakeholders and UN entities to discuss how partnerships can help drive transformative action on the SDGs.

The forum will feature four SDG Action Segments and one Multi-stakeholder Panel, each focusing on one of the SDGs to be reviewed at the 2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, namely **Goal 6** (*Clean Water and Sanitation*), **Goal 7** (*Affordable and Clean Energy*), **Goal 9** (*Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure*), **Goal 11** (*Sustainable Cities and Communities*) and **Goal 17** (*Partnerships for the Goals*). A limited number of side events will be held in connection with the Forum.

The 2026 Partnership Forum will hold its Plenary Session in the afternoon, building on the successful experience from last year. Member States are encouraged to address themes that emerged from the SDG Action Segments, as appropriate. The Plenary Session could also be a space to share ideas to further strengthen the Forum and its contributions to ECOSOC’s meaningful guidance on partnerships, with a view to informing the forthcoming General Assembly review of the arrangements of ECOSOC and HLPF.

Please find attached the concept note of the Forum, which contains the latest programme. The Impact Report from the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum may be accessed [here](#). For more information, please visit the meeting website: <https://sdgs.un.org/2026ECOSOCPartnershipForum>.

Should you have any questions regarding the **interventions during the Plenary Session**, kindly send your query directly to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) via: [ecosocplace@un.org](mailto:ecosocplace@un.org). For any other questions, you may wish to contact Ms. Sumi Han (e-mail: [han4@un.org](mailto:han4@un.org)) in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

I look forward to your personal engagement to this important meeting.

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

Lok Bahadur Thapa  
President of ECOSOC

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