

5 November 2024

Excellency,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend in-person the **2025 Partnership Forum of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC),** to be held at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, 5 February 2025,** in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

The Partnership Forum will mark the beginning of the intensive part of the 2025 ECOSOC cycle and will be an important opportunity to set the tone for the coming year. Under the overall theme of "Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind", the 2025 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will bring together Member States, UN entities, and stakeholders to discuss how partnerships can help drive transformative action on the SDGs.

The forum will feature four SDG action segments, with a focus on the SDGs to be reviewed at the 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, namely Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), Goal 14 (Life Below Water) with Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) featured as a cross-cutting topic. Additionally, for the 2025 Partnership Forum, the plenary session will be held in the afternoon. I invite Member States to consider their plenary interventions **in connection** with the discussions held during the SDG action segments.

Please find attached the concept note which contains the latest programme for the Forum. Additionally, you will find attached the <u>impact report</u> from the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum. For more information, please visit the meeting website: https://sdgs.un.org/2025ECOSOCPartnershipForum.

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

I look forward to your personal engagement in this important event.

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

Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC

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