

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE INFORMAL NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

This informal note was prepared by the UN Secretariat, as mandated by General Assembly resolution [75/290 A](#), to inform the discussions at the Coordination Segment of the Economic and Social Council. The informal note demonstrates how the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system entities are addressing various dimensions of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, within their respective mandates. The breadth of expertise and varied country experiences in ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies allowed them to explore specific aspects of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs within their mandates as well as the interlinkages among the SDGs. Their key policy proposals and initiatives, as well as that of the UN system, have inspired the 2022 Ministerial Declaration of ECOSOC and the HLPF.

The following key messages emanate from the analysis in the informal note and can help in developing ECOSOC's guidance at the Coordination Segment.

- The ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and UN system entities could continue to systematically address the **multiple crises** from the perspective of their respective mandates, focusing on the SDGs within their purview and **interlinkages** among the sustainable development goals, in particular the ones under review in 2023. The principle of **leaving no one behind** should also get special attention. The implications of future **demographic changes** on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda should be taken into account. The Council could provide **guidance for further collaboration**, including through joint sessions on SDGs that are closely inter-related so as to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- ECOSOC could call on its subsidiary bodies and UN system bodies and entities to identify policies and measures to **address the immediate emergencies** related to the on-going crises while supporting longer-term measures for the achievement of the SDGs.
- ECOSOC could call on its subsidiary bodies and UN system entities to identify, promote and implement **transformative policies** to regain lost ground and support accelerated progress towards the SDGs, with new recommendations, results and new initiatives to be announced at the SDG Summit. UN system entities, in particular, should work towards the SDG Summit and aim to launch new initiatives, coalitions and partnerships to realize the 2030 Agenda.
- Member States can play a key role to incentivize **coordination and collaboration among the UN system** entities to accelerate actions towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including through holding discussions in respective governing bodies of entities.
- ECOSOC could leverage the **Regional Forums on Sustainable Development** to identify emerging trends, innovative policies and best practices in the regions to reinvigorate momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- The ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system entities should place **risk reduction** at the core of transformative policies to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.
- The **environmental dimension** of sustainable development requires more systematic attention by the ECOSOC system.

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- The ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies could focus on the **interlinkages between their area of work and climate action and the other sustainable development goals** in particular SDG6 on clean **water** and sanitation and SDG7 on affordable and clean **energy**, within their respective mandates. This should help to accelerate climate actions on mitigation, adaptation and finance. Policy proposals to accelerate climate action could feed into the Secretary-General’s Climate Ambition Summit in September 2023.
- In the lead up to the General Assembly’s high-level meeting on **universal health coverage** in September 2023, it would be important for the UN system to continue supporting efforts for **vaccine equity** as well as **universal health coverage**. In this process, it would be important to ensure that the health needs of the most vulnerable are met.
- Given the implications of **emerging technologies** for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, it would be important to ensure that the perspectives and expertise of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and UN system entities inform the discussions around the **Global Digital Compact**. This compact was proposed by the Secretary-General in “Our Common Agenda” report and is envisioned to be agreed at the **Summit of the Future** to be held in September 2024.
- A more systematic mainstreaming of a focus on **countries in special situations** by subsidiary bodies would help to ensure that the 2030 Agenda is implemented everywhere.
- ECOSOC could encourage UN Water and relevant UN system entities to use the **2023 UN Water Conference** to enhance existing frameworks, plans and coalitions or launch new ones to **accelerate the implementation of SDG 6**. ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and UN system entities should explore how they can contribute to the follow-up to the Conference within their area of expertise.
- ECOSOC could invite its subsidiary bodies and UN system entities to consider innovative impactful ways to address **food insecurity, hunger and malnutrition** within their area of expertise, building on the outcomes of the **Food Systems Summit** where relevant. The Commission on Social Development took this approach at its 60th session, addressing the interlinkages between sustainable food systems and eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions.
- ECOSOC could invite its subsidiary bodies and other UN system entities to consider innovative, impactful ways to address the **education crisis** within their area(s) of expertise, building on the outcomes of the **Transforming Education Summit**.
- ECOSOC could invite its relevant subsidiary bodies and UN system entities to elaborate approaches to contribute to the implementation of the **Paris Agreement on Climate Change** and the **Sharm Al Sheikh COP**, including on supporting and accompanying just and equitable transition pathways, within their area of expertise.
- ECOSOC could encourage its subsidiary bodies and UN system entities to consider the analysis and policy conclusions of the **Global Crisis Response Group** and their implications for their respective work and recommendations.
- ECOSOC could invite the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Committee of Experts on Public Administration and other relevant ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and UN system entities to consider the **implications of the Social and Solidarity Economy**, as defined by the International Labour Conference, for realizing the SDGs within their areas of responsibility.
- As the **ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies** continue to **implement the recommendations from the review of their work**, adopted by ECOSOC at its 2022 session, they could take into account the recommendations emanating from the Coordination Segment. Those recommendations should be implemented in tandem with those of the review, **in an integrated manner**, as applicable.

- As we approach the half-way to the 2030 deadline, **adequate financing** will critically determine whether we can achieve the SDGs and fulfil the promise of leaving no one behind. It would, therefore, be important for the Council to renew its commitment to the implementation of **integrated national financing frameworks** to align financing policies and strategies with the 2030 Agenda, the Sendai Framework and the Paris Agreement's long-term goals.

WAY FORWARD

Member States are invited to consider focusing on the above recommendations at the coordination segment, so that their feedback and guidance can be reflected in the summary by the ECOSOC President and conveyed to all stakeholders for follow-up during their 2022 sessions and activities and subsequently.

Discussion Questions for Member States' consideration:

- What are transformative policies and initiatives that can accelerate recovery from the pandemic and advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
- What are priority areas for accelerated recovery and accelerated implementation of the SDGs where ECOSOC functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies can add value?
- What are the opportunities for better collaboration among the subsidiary bodies and between the subsidiary bodies and UN system entities?
- How can the UN system, including specialized agencies, ensure that their support to Member States in recovery from the pandemic is aligned with the SDGs and accelerate their implementation? What are areas for enhanced coordination?
- How can the Council strengthen the impact of the work of ECOSOC functional commissions, expert bodies and regional commissions on its various segments and forums as well as on the HLPF?
- What are some key interlinkages among the SDGs under review in 2023, that ECOSOC subsidiary bodies could explore and further analyze jointly?

RESOURCES

- [Transformative policies and initiatives to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs \(forthcoming\)](#)
- [Infographics of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies](#)
- [Themes of sessions of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies during the 2023 session of ECOSOC \(forthcoming\)](#)
- [Resolutions/decisions relevant to the main theme of ECOSOC and HLPF adopted by intergovernmental bodies of UN system entities during 2022 \(forthcoming\)](#)
- [2022-2023 Major publications of UN system entities related to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development \(forthcoming\)](#)
- [UN Response to COVID-19](#)
- [UN System SDG Implementation Database](#)
- [SDG mapping: ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies](#)
- [UN COVID-19 Stimulus Tracker](#)