



**ECOSOC**  
YOUTH FORUM

**YOUTH2030**

## **Economic and Social Council Youth Forum**

### **"Accelerating the COVID-19 recovery and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda with and for youth"**

#### **WORKING WITH AND FOR YOUTH IN ACCELERATING COVID-19 RECOVERY AND ACHIEVING THE 2030 AGENDA**

**(MINISTERIAL SESSION)**

**25 April 2023; 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (Part A) – NY Time**

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**26 April 2023, 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM (Part B) – NY Time**

**United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council**

#### **Background**

The [2023 ECOSOC Youth Forum](#) will gather in a hybrid format to address the theme of ECOSOC and the [2023 UN High-level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#), focusing primarily on COVID-19 and accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It is convened by the President of ECOSOC, and co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth (OSGEY), the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) and the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO), with the support from the UN system and youth-led and youth-focused organizations relevant to the theme of the forum.

Young people's needs, rights and priorities span across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensuring appropriate and dedicated investments into youth development within the SDG framework is crucial to the achievement of all goals and targets. Moreover, youth engagement in the implementation, follow-up, and review of the 2030 Agenda is essential for the achievement of sustainable development, leaving no one behind.

The ECOSOC Youth Forum is a key platform where young people, high-level

Government representatives and other stakeholders contribute to policy discussions through their ideas, solutions, and innovations to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. It will connect with key UN processes and events in 2023 especially HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC in July 2023, and the SDG Summit, in September 2023 at the level of Heads of State and Government.

The Youth Forum will allow for discussion on good practices, lessons learnt, challenges, and opportunities for the monitoring and realization of the 2030 Agenda, including in the framework of Our Common Agenda report. It will also be a space to further highlight and reflect on the implementation of the UN Youth Strategy: Youth 2030. Moreover, it will aim to complement other intergovernmental meetings, such as the upcoming UN Water Conference (March 2023), the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework (May 2023) the LDC5 Conference (2023), and other ECOSOC segments and forums.

### **Ministerial Roundtable objectives**

The Ministerial Roundtable will take place on 25 April, from 10:30am to 1:00pm (Part A) and 26 April, from 3:15pm to 4:30pm (Part B).

The session will bring together Ministers responsible for Youth Affairs and other high-level Government representatives as well as representatives of youth-led and youth-focused organizations and networks, civil society, and other key stakeholders.

The purpose of the Roundtable will be to:

- Highlight the pivotal role of youth in accelerating recovery and rebuilding efforts from COVID-19 and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in the Decade of Action, particularly towards the preparations for the 2023 SDG Summit as the mid-term review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Provide an opportunity for Ministers responsible for Youth Affairs and other high-level Government representatives, youth representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss how young people are participating and leading on COVID-19 recovery within the framework of the SDGs, what kind of support they need, and how they can meaningfully contribute to follow-up and review mechanisms established.
- Offer a platform to the UN Member States to inform and discuss with different stakeholders on best practices and examples of national policies, programmes, and priorities on youth development, rights, and engagement in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, accelerating recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the UN Youth Strategy: Youth 2030.

## Session format

This session will be divided into 2 separate parts:

- Part A will be held on 25 April 2023, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM EST, and
- Part B will be held on 26 April 2023, from 3:15 PM to 4:30 PM EST.

They will be conducted in a hybrid manner. The in-person element of the Ministerial Roundtable will take place at the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States.

Ministers and other equivalent high-level government officials in charge of youth affairs, development and cooperation portfolios, as well as youth-led networks and organization, intergovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders will address the Ministerial Roundtable.

## Draft agenda

<b>25 April 2023, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM (Part A)</b>	
10:30 - 10:40	Opening & framing the issue by the moderator
10:40 – 11:10	Segment 1: Meaningful Youth Engagement & Participation
11:10 – 11:40	Segment 2: SDG 6 – Clean Water & Sanitation
11:40 – 12:10	Segment 3: SDG 7 – Affordable & Clean Energy
12:10 – 12:40	Segment 4: SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure
12:40 – 1:00	Closing of Part A by moderator & buffer time

<b>26 April 2023, from 3:15 PM to 4:30 PM (Part B)</b>	
3:15 – 3:20	Opening & framing the issue by the moderator
3:20 – 3:50	Segment 5: SDG 11- Sustainable Cities & Communities
3:50 – 4:20	Segment 6: SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals
4:20 – 4:30	Closing of Part B by moderator