

Transformation is possible: Actions from the ECOSOC system

**Roundtable Discussion during Management Segment
8 June 2023
10:00 – 12:00 (NY Time)**

During the ECOSOC Management Segment in June 2023, the Economic and Social Council will convene a discussion to integrate key messages from ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system on the Council's main theme, develop action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the high-level political forum on sustainable development (as mandated by [GA resolution 75/290 A](#)). To this end, the Council will:

- Build on the key messages of the [2023 ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#);
- Elaborate on the recent outcomes of the [ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies](#), as well as intergovernmental bodies of the UN entities; and
- Highlight the key messages from the contributions of the ECOSOC system to the main theme of ECOSOC and HLPF.

The discussion will contribute to the efforts to build on the work of and rally the ECOSOC system to drive transformation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, in preparation for the HLPF and the SDG Summit.

The [2023 ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#), chaired by ECOSOC Vice-President H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir (Indonesia), addressed the main theme of ECOSOC and the HLPF “*Accelerating the Recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels*”. The Segment highlighted the immense wealth of knowledge and expertise of the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system entities. Through various panels, the Segment focused on addressing the multiple crises through risk-informed policies; access to clean water and sanitation; energy access and transition; digital transformation; and transformative policies and actions. Dedicated sessions provided opportunities to Member States to reflect on the work of the UN regional commissions and ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies. The participants shared transformative policies and actions that can be instrumental for recovery from the pandemic, responding to other crises, and accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Many subsidiary bodies highlighted recommendations on policies in their respective areas, including gender equality, social policies and leaving no one behind, population trends, institutions for the SDGs and peaceful societies, crime prevention, narcotic drugs, data and statistics, geospatial information, indigenous issues, forests, dangerous goods – and interlinkages within these areas and other SDGs. Member States underscored the importance of the work of the regional commissions and ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies in pursuing

solutions, including through addressing the interlinkages among the SDGs, to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

The Coordination Segment provided ideas and guidance for the work of the ECOSOC system and the UN system leading up to ECOSOC high-level segment and the HLPF in July, in the lead up to the SDG Summit in September. [A non-negotiated factual summary](#) has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Council to reflect discussions during the partnership forum and the coordination segment and the strategic proposals made during the coordination segment, as mandated by GA resolution 75/290 A. As one of the innovative outcomes of the 2023 Coordination Segment, the summary includes the [annex of transformative policies and initiatives](#) from the ECOSOC system as a reference to advance the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. It is envisioned that these policies and initiatives will inspire implementation at all levels to accelerate progress towards the SDGs, as we reach halfway to the deadline for the 2030 Agenda in the context of multiple and intersecting crises .

Guiding questions

The following questions may be useful in guiding the roundtable discussion:

- Halfway through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, how can the Economic and Social Council better harness the work of the ECOSOC system in advancing the decade of action to deliver the SDGs?
- What are some key transformative policies and initiatives undertaken by the ECOSOC system that can accelerate recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
- What are priority areas for a sustainable recovery and accelerated implementation of the SDGs where ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies can add value?
- What are some key interlinkages among the SDGs under review in 2023, that ECOSOC subsidiary bodies could explore and further analyze jointly?

Format

The Council will convene a roundtable discussion on 8 June 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber. The discussion will be chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ms. Paula Narváez Ojeda (Chile), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council responsible for the Management Segment. The roundtable participants will include Chairs of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and Heads of UN system entities.

Background documents

As mandated by GA [resolution 75/290 A](#), this discussion during the Management Segment will be “informed by the existing [report of the Secretary-General synthesizing the inputs of the functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums to the thematic review of the high-level political forum](#)”. Furthermore, the [summary](#) of the [2023 ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#) and the [inputs](#) of [ECOSOC subsidiary bodies](#) to the HLPF will inform the discussions at the roundtable.

Outcome

The outcome of this discussion will be a summary with key messages and recommendations.