



## ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment 17-19 May 2022

### Draft Programme

### UN development system's support to building back better from COVID-19 and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

	DAY 1: TUE 17 MAY	DAY 2: WED 18 MAY	DAY 3: THU 19 MAY
9:00 - 9:30			
9:30 - 10:00			
10:00 - 10:30	<b>SESSION 1: OAS Opening and High-level dialogue between the Secretary-General and UN Member States</b> <b>In person (ECOSOC Chamber)</b>	<b>SESSION 3: Informal Dialogue with Host Governments &amp; RCs on supporting integrated policies on equitable and universal access to social protection</b> <b>Hybrid Session (ECOSOC Chamber &amp; Zoom)</b>	<b>SESSION 6: Informal Session on addressing root causes of conflict and humanitarian crises to achieve sustainable development</b> <b>Hybrid Session (ECOSOC Chamber &amp; Zoom)</b>
10:30 - 11:00			
11:00 - 11:30			
11:20 - 11:30			
11:30 - 12:00		<b>SESSION 4: Regional Repositioning: Role of regional leadership in supporting countries</b> <b>In person (ECOSOC Chamber)</b>	<b>SESSION 7: Funding Compact: Committing to needed changes in funding patterns and behaviours to achieve the SDGs</b> <b>In person (ECOSOC Chamber)</b>
12:00 - 12:30			
12:30 - 1:00			
1:15 - 2:45	<i>INFORMAL SIDE EVENTS on OAS margins</i>		<i>INFORMAL SIDE EVENTS on OAS margins</i>
3:00 - 3:30	<b>SESSION 2: UNSDG Chair's Report on DCO</b> <b>In person (ECOSOC Chamber)</b>	<b>SESSION 5: Dialogue with UNDS Executive Heads</b> <b>In person (ECOSOC Chamber)</b>	<b>SESSION 8: Just Transitions: Support to LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS</b> <b>In person (ECOSOC Chamber)</b>
3:30 - 4:00			
4:00 - 4:30			
4:30 - 5:00			

*In view of time constraints, the general debate will be conducted through written statements. To encourage interactive dialogue, groups and Member States are invited to provide their formal statements on progress in implementing GA resolutions 75/233 and 72/279 in written forms with the Secretariat ([qcpr@un.org](mailto:qcpr@un.org)) in advance of the Segment. The statements will be posted on the [QCPR website](#). The views and main points presented in the statements will be reflected in the Vice-President's summary of the Segment.*

## ECOSOC 2022 Operational Activities for Development Segment

### UN development system's support to building back better from COVID-19 and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

**Session 1 : Tuesday 17 May 2022, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

#### ***Opening of the ECOSOC operational activities for development segment and high-level interactive dialogue with the United Nations Secretary-General***

***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

##### **Opening**

- His Excellency Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC
- His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly
- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

##### **Keynote**

- His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations: presentation of the report on the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) and vision for the continuation of UN reform and the implementation of the 2020 QCPR in times of crisis

##### ***Interactive discussion with the Secretary-General***

*NOTE: Delegations are encouraged to be represented by high-level officials from Capitals and/or Permanent Representatives to engage in this interaction. Interventions should be short (2-3 minutes each). Statements submitted in writing ([estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org)) will be posted on [eStatements](#) and the [QCPR website](#).*

##### ***Chair and Moderator***

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

**Session 2 : Tuesday 17 May 2022, 3:00 – 5:00pm**

#### ***Report of the UNSDG Chair on the Development Coordination Office***

***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

##### ***Objectives***

*Presentation and discussion of UNSDG Chair's report on the Development Coordination Office (DCO)/Resident coordinator system. The report also includes results achieved by the UN development system in supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the recovery from COVID-19. Member States will also consider the new results framework (with performance indicators and targets) for the resident coordinator system, and the RC system's funding model.*

##### ***Chair and Moderator:***

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

##### ***Presentation: Annual Report of the Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group on the Development Coordination Office and the resident coordinator system***

- Her Excellency Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group
- Mr. Robert Piper, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Development Coordination Office

##### ***Interactive Discussion***

## Session 3: Wednesday 18 May 2022, 9:00am-11:20am

### ***Informal Dialogue with host governments and resident coordinators: Supporting integrated policies on equitable and universal access to social protection***

***Informal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber and virtual on Zoom platform (also on UN WebTV)***

#### **Objectives:**

*This session will discuss how UN development system entities have come together to support integrated policies and programmes to ensure equitable and universal access to social protection as part of the socio-economic response and recovery plans to COVID-19 (SERPs) and wider efforts to achieve the SDGs as well as to mobilize the necessary resources. A particular focus will be placed on results achieved to leave no one behind and ensure equitable access for women and girls, youth and vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities. The session will also examine how this support is being pursued through the Cooperation Frameworks, building on the lessons learned from the support to the COVID-19 response, and how it can be further strengthened.*

#### **Guiding questions:**

- *What are examples of effective support by UN country teams to integrated policies for ensuring equitable and universal access to social protection as part of the socio-economic response plans, and how is this support continuing through the Cooperation Frameworks?*
- *How are UN country teams supporting equal access to social protection for women and girls and the poorest and most vulnerable? Are they successful?*
- *What bottlenecks, incentives or enabling factors are there for UN country teams to provide integrated policy advice for social protection?*
- *What can and should governments do differently to foster an environment where UN integrated policy advice is well received and acted upon towards universal social protection and sustainable growth?*
- *How can UN country teams support governments in using digital technology for ensuring equitable access to social protection?*

#### **Chair**

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d’Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

#### **Moderator**

- Ms. Beate Andrees, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations

#### **Panellists**

- Mr. Danucha Pichayanan, Secretary-General, National Economic and Social Development Council, Thailand
- Ms. Gita Sabharwal, UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand
- Ms. Denada Seferi, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection, Albania
- Ms. Fiona McCluney, UN Resident Coordinator in Albania
- Ms. María José Enriquez, Undersecretary of Territorial Management, Technical Secretariat Ecuador Grows without Child Malnutrition, Ecuador
- Ms. Lena Savelli, UN Resident Coordinator in Ecuador

#### **Discussants**

- Ms. Christine Schneeberger, Deputy Head of Global Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Mr. Roberto Suarez-Santos, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers (IEO)
- Mr. Mamadou Diallo, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

#### **Interactive Discussion**

**Session 4: Wednesday 18 May 2022, 11:30am – 1:00pm**  
**Regional Repositioning: Role of regional leadership in supporting countries**  
***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

**Objectives**

*This session will consider how the repositioning of the UN development system at regional level is improving support to countries for achieving the SDGs in the context of the recovery from COVID-19, building resilience, and for addressing cross-border development challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss or managing migration. The session will also discuss challenges and opportunities for regional collaborative platforms in this regard.*

**Guiding questions**

- *How is the new regional architecture marshalling the UN development system's expertise to address complex multidimensional challenges, such as climate change and biodiversity loss?*
- *How is the UN development system at regional level supporting resident coordinators and UN country teams in delivering on the priorities of the Cooperation Framework?*
- *How can countries best leverage the support of the UN development system at regional level to maximize its impact, especially on complex transnational policy areas?*
- *In which areas does the support of the UN development system at regional level have maximum impact on country priorities?*

**Chair**

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

**Moderator**

- Mr. Robert Piper, Assistant Secretary-General, Development Coordination Office

**Keynote address**

- Her Excellency Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Group

**Panellists**

- Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe and Regional Commissions Coordinator
- Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, Regional Collaborative Platform Vice Chair, UNDP Regional Director for Asia Pacific
- Mr. Yacoub El Hillo, DCO Regional Director for Africa
- Mr. Jose Samaniego, Regional Director for the Americas Bureau, UNHCR

**Discussant**

- Mr. Philipp Schönrock, Director, Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI)

**Interactive Discussion**

**Session 5: Wednesday 18 May 2022, 3:00 - 5:00pm**  
***Dialogue with Executive Heads of the UN development system***  
***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

**Objectives:**

*A key objective of the reform of the UN development system has been to provide strengthened and more integrated support to countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adapted to their respective needs and priorities. Executive Heads will share how their newly approved Strategic Plans respond to the 2020 QCPR mandate for integrated support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by all UN development system actors. They will also outline how they are aligning their policies, practices and incentives with the Management and Accountability Framework. They will explain how the resident coordinator system has supported their entities in delivering a whole of system approach and working together to support countries to deliver the SDGs, leaving no one behind, with a focus on inclusive and equitable quality education, and universal health coverage.*

**Guiding questions:**

- *How do the new strategic plans reflect the new ways of working resulting from the repositioning of the UN development system and the QCPR?*
- *What policies, incentives and actions are still needed at both system-wide and entity-level to fast-track progress in working through a whole-of-system approach?*
- *What actions would facilitate the alignment of policy and decision-making between individual governing bodies, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly?*
- *How have your teams availed themselves of the opportunities of joint programmes? What are bottlenecks, if any, in integrated programming and how can we overcome them?*
- *What has changed in country level resource mobilization efforts?*
- *How can the UN development system better use strategic foresight and data to best support countries in preparing for the unexpected, in times of growing complexity and uncertainty and rapid change? Building on the Secretary-General's roadmap for digital cooperation, how can the UN development system develop and implement systematic rights-based approaches to support countries to harness digital, technology and innovation for sustainable development?*

**Chair**

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

**Moderator**

- His Excellency Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations

**Keynote**

- His Excellency Mr. Mondli Gungubele, Minister in the Presidency, Republic of South Africa

**Panellists**

- Mr. Achim Steiner, Vice-Chair, UN Sustainable Development Group and Administrator, UNDP
- Ms. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA  
*(Ms. Diene Keita, Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA will join from 4:00 to 5:00)*
- Ms. Catherine M. Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF
- Ms. Sima Bahous, Executive Director, UN-Women
- Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP

**Interactive Discussion**

## **Session 6. Thursday, 19 May 2022, 9:00am-11:20am**

### ***Informal Session on addressing root causes of conflict and of humanitarian crises to achieve sustainable development***

***Informal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber and virtual on Zoom platform (also on UN WebTV)***

#### **Objectives**

*The session will take as a starting point that inclusive sustainable development, anchored in gender equality, human rights and leaving no one behind, is the best approach to prevent violence and conflict. Panellists will share concrete experiences on how to build greater coordination between development activities, humanitarian work and peacebuilding efforts while promoting human rights and gender equality and supporting climate action to ensure UN operations on the ground can save lives and livelihoods and support transitions from crises and conflict to sustainable development and durable peace. They will reflect on the kind of risk-informed, prevention-focused responses required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and outline the related challenges and solutions. They will also provide examples of working through partnerships within the United Nations system, as well as with a broad range of actors, such as regional organizations, international financial institutions, multilateral development banks, civil society and the private sector.*

#### **Guiding questions:**

- *What are good practices of partnerships across humanitarian, development and peacebuilding activities and how can these be replicated further? What challenges remain and how can they be overcome?*
- *What are examples of successful multi-year and unearmarked contributions to pooled funds and mechanisms that enhanced the predictability of longterm investment in cross-pillar work?*
- *How is the UN partnering with international financial institutions to ensure humanitarian and peace actions address root causes of violence/conflict with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals at its core?*
- *How far have we come in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into UN development system's support to countries policies to realize the Sustainable Development Goals? What are the key challenges and how can they be overcome?*
- *How can we ensure the inclusion of women, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups in comprehensive policies to address development, humanitarian and peace building challenges?*
- *How has the system responded in crisis contexts to support the resilience of social support systems, protecting lives and livelihoods and complementing humanitarian responses?*

#### **Chair:**

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

#### **Moderators:**

- Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Strengthening Programmatic Integration

#### **Panellists:**

- Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel
- Mr. Alain Noudéhou, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator in Mali
- Ms. Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq
- Ms. Jane Pearce, WFP Country Director, Bangladesh
- Mr. Raouf Mazou, Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Ms. Awa Dabo, Director for Political Affairs and Deputy Head, Peacebuilding Support Office

#### **Interactive Discussion**

## **Session 7. Thursday 19 May 2022, 11:30am – 1:00pm**

### ***The Funding Compact: Committing to needed changes in funding patterns and behaviours***

***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

#### **Objectives**

*Three years into the Funding Compact, progress on the Compact's indicators remains slower than anticipated when it was adopted, and has not yet led to the intended shift towards quality, predictable funding of the UN development system that delivers demonstrable results at scale. This session will bring together representatives from Member States and UN development system entities to discuss how to overcome barriers preventing the Funding Compact from driving actual change in funding behaviours at the country level.*

#### **Guiding questions:**

- *What are the key challenges that prevent full implementation of the Funding Compact commitments and how can they be overcome? What could drive further increase in quality, predictable funding for the UN development system?*
- *How has the Funding Compact enabled improvements in efficiency and effectiveness on the ground and what is needed to achieve further progress?*
- *What actions are needed for inter-agency pooled funds to become enablers for collective action? How can we overcome barriers preventing further improvements?*

#### **Chair**

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d'Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

#### **Moderator**

- Her Excellency Ms. Yoka Brandt, Permanent Representative of The Netherlands to the United Nations, President of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS

#### **Presentation**

- Mr. Robert Piper, Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Development Coordination Office

#### **Panellists**

- Ms. Marianne Loe, Policy Director, Department for Multilateral Cooperation; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Ms. Jennifer Topping, Executive Coordinator, UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office
- Ms. Sezin Sinanoglu, UN Resident Coordinator, Tajikistan
- Ms. Marilena Viviani, UNICEF representative in Tunisia

#### **Interactive Discussion**

## **Session 8: Thursday 19 May 2022, 3:00 - 4:30pm**

### ***Just Transitions: Support for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Islands Developing States***

***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

#### **Objectives**

*The session will discuss how the UN development system is coming together to provide tailored advice and support to countries in special situations for achieving the SDGs through a sustainable recovery from COVID-19. Panellists will discuss what new generation of international support measures are required to enable Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) to embark on resilient and inclusive sustainable development paths and recover better from the effects of the COVID-19 crisis. Special attention will be given to supporting LDCs in response to the outcome of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC 5), and to system-wide support to LLDCs. Panellists will also take stock of support provided by the UN development system to SIDS to help them overcome the impacts of the crisis and achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

#### **Guiding Questions**

- *How is the UN development system working together to help Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States address their structural impediments to sustainable development and recover better from the COVID-19 pandemic?*
- *How are UN development system entities mainstreaming the special needs and priorities of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States into their strategic plans and annual work programmes?*
- *How has the support provided by Multi-Country Offices (MCOs) changed over the last year? What are the obstacles to the full roll out of MCOs and how can they be overcome?*
- *How can the UN development system best support LDCs in implementing the outcome of the LDC 5 conference?*

#### **Chair**

- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d’Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment

#### **Moderator**

- Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

#### **Panellists**

- His Excellency Mr. Teburoro Tito, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kiribati to the United Nations
- Her Excellency Ms. Agnes Mary Chimbiri Molande, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations, Global Coordinator of the Group of LDCs
- Mr. Jaap van Hierden, UN Resident Coordinator, Multi-Country Office for Micronesia
- Mr. Glen Craig, Managing Partner of Pacific Advisory, Vanuatu
- Ms. Chandra Tripura, Founder and Director, Hill Resource Centre, Bangladesh

#### **Interactive Discussion**



## **Session 9. Thursday 19 May 2022, 4:30pm – 5:00pm**

### ***Closing session***

***Formal meeting – in person in ECOSOC Chamber (also on UN WebTV)***

#### ***Closing***

- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- Her Excellency Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- His Excellency Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC
- Her Excellency Ms. Miia Rainne, Chargée d’Affaires of Finland to the United Nations, ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for Development Segment