UNITAR Orientation Course on the work of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

10 January 2024
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Conference Room 5
UN Headquarters
H.E. Mr Marco A. Suazo
Head-of-office
UNITAR New York

H.E. Ms Paula Narváez
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Chile to the United Nations, President of the ECOSOC

Part 1
Welcoming Remarks
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Mr. Neil Pierre
Acting Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC/DESA)

Session 1
The role, functions and architecture of ECOSOC, including the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) and 2023 SDG Summit
10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.
Role, functions and architecture:
Key mandates and delivery

Neil Pierre (OISC/DESA)
1. Reforming ECOSOC
2. Responsibilities of ECOSOC
3. Functions of ECOSOC
4. ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies
5. Functions of ECOSOC (continued)
What are the functions and key mandates of ECOSOC?
1. Reforming ECOSOC

1945  Creation of ECOSOC by the UN Charter
1965, 1974  Increase in the number of members
1991  Creation of a July session and various segments
2003  ECOSOC entrusted with integrated follow-up to UN conferences and summits
2013  ECOSOC segments to be held throughout the year, creation of HLPF
2015  HLPF to follow 2030 Agenda
2018  Further measures to strengthen ECOSOC
2021  GA review of the resolutions on ECOSOC and HLPF, creation of Coordination Segment, Partnership Forum
2. Responsibilities of ECOSOC (under authority of the GA)

The United Nations shall promote:

a. higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development;

b. solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation; and

c. universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all […]
3. Functions of ECOSOC

**Policy guidance**

- ECOSOC High-Level Segment - Ministerial Declaration
- FFD Forum and Multistakeholder Forum on STI
- Coordination and Management Segment: based on subsidiary bodies’ work

**UN system coordination**

- Coordination of UN system normative and policy work (Coordination Segment)
- Oversight and guidance of operational activities of the UN development system (Operational Activities Segment)
- Coordination of humanitarian assistance (Humanitarian Affairs Segment)
3. Functions of ECOSOC

Oversight and guidance of subsidiary bodies
  • Coordination Segment, Management Segment

Interaction peacebuilding/development
  • Meeting on transition from relief to development, joint meeting with Peace Building Commission

Addressing urgent socio-economic developments
  • ECOSOC Special Meetings

Opening the door of the UN to civil society - Engaging Youth, NGOs and other stakeholders
  • Youth Forum, Partnership Forum, Management Segment/NGO Committee
How does ECOSOC deliver its mandates through its different meetings/forums/segments and engagement with multiple stakeholders?
## 4. ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies

### Functional Commissions

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5. Functions of ECOSOC (continued)

• Oversight and guidance of subsidiary bodies
  • (coordination segment, management segment)

• Interaction peacebuilding/development
  • (meeting on transition from relief to development, joint meeting with Peace Building Commission)

• Addressing urgent socio-economic developments
  • (ECOSOC special meetings)

• Opening the door of the UN to civil society - Engaging Youth, NGOs and other stakeholders
  • (Youth forum, partnership forum, management segment/NGO Committee)
Thank you.

Mr. Neil Pierre  
Acting Director  
Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
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10 January 2024
Mr. Fred Soltau
Chief of the Intergovernmental Policy and Review Branch, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC/DESA)

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High-Level Political Forum & VNRs

Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

HLPF oversees a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level (2030 Agenda, para 82)

- Convened annually in July under the auspices of ECOSOC, every 4 years under auspices of the GA (SDG Summit)
- Follow-up and review at the HLPF informed by an annual SDG Progress Report
- Carries out thematic reviews of progress on the Sustainable Development Goals, including cross-cutting issues.
- Reviews of national progress (VNRs)
- Adopts ministerial declaration (July) & political declaration under GA
### 2023 High-Level Political Forum & High-Level Segment of ECOSOC

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| More than 800 | 12 | 16 | 204 | 19 |
| MGoS & NGOs accredited to ECOSOC | Special Events | VNR Labs | Side Events | Exhibitions |
| | | | 141 in person & 63 virtual | at UNHQ |
2024 High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)

2024 HLPF: 8 - 17 July 2024, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

Ministerial Segment: 15-17 July

Theme: "Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”.

Review in-depth:

• **Goal 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
• **Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
• **Goal 13.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
• **Goal 16.** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and
• **Goal 17.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
Principles guiding voluntary national reviews (VNRs)

**Voluntary**
- encourage reporting and include developed and developing countries

**State-led**
- country driven reviews of progress at national and sub-national levels

**Platform for partnerships**
- including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders

**Learning experience**
- facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, part of a process

**National circumstances**
- reviews in accordance with national circumstances, policies and priorities, together with relevant partners
The VNRs: Some Numbers

329 VNRs have been conducted to date


188 countries have presented VNRs with 123 countries having conducted more than one VNR. The European Union conducted a voluntary review in 2023.

9 countries have not yet presented a VNR

65 countries have presented 1 VNR, 107 countries have presented 2 VNRs, 14 countries have 3 VNRs and 2 country have 4 VNRs.

42 countries will present their VNRs in 2024.

Link to VNR Database: https://hlpf.un.org/countries
### 42 VNR presenters at the 2024 HLPF

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<td>Chad, Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Zimbabwe</td>
<td>Egypt, Sierra Leone</td>
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<td>Yemen</td>
<td>Micronesia (Federated States of), Oman, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Syrian Arab Republic, Vanuatu</td>
<td>Lao PDR, Nepal,</td>
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<td>Armenia, Estonia, Georgia,</td>
<td>Azerbaijan</td>
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<td><strong>Latin America &amp; Caribbean States (9)</strong></td>
<td>Belize, Brazil, Ecuador,</td>
<td>Costa Rica, Honduras, Peru,</td>
<td>Argentina, Colombia, Mexico</td>
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<td>Austria</td>
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Thank you

Mr. Friedrich Soltau
Chief, Intergovernmental Policy & Review Branch
Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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Email: soltau[at]@un.org
10:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Open Dialogue – Q&A
Ms. Emer Herity
Chief of the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, Secretary of ECOSOC and the Second Committee, Department of General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Session 2
ECOSOC’s working methods and decision-making procedures
10:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Working methods

and procedures
Reference documents

General
- UN Charter, Chapter X, Articles 61-72
- Relevant resolutions of the General Assembly (including 61/16, 68/1, 72/305, 75/290 A and B)
- Rules of procedure (E/5715/Rev.2)

Current session
- Agenda and annotated agenda (E/2024/1, and Add.1, E/2024/100 – to be issued)
- 2024 working arrangements (resolution 2024/1)

Past session(s)
- Resolutions issued as E/RES documents; and e-decisions on e-deleGATE
- Annual report to the General Assembly (A/78/3)
- Summary records E/2024/SR.[insert meeting number]
Role and functions of the President and Bureau

- Elected at organizational session (July)
- Regional rotation and special responsibilities (rule 18)
- General powers of the President (rule 42)
- Coordinate the work and prepare decisions on behalf of the membership, consult
- Additional guidance: Paras. 31-33 of GA res. 68/1 and paras. 13, 25 and 27 of 72/305, para. 14 of 75/290A
- President raises awareness and promotes engagement
ECOSOC system - subsidiary bodies *(E/2019/INF/3 (mandates) and E/2024/INF/4 (dates) Infographic)*

- Functional commissions
- Regional commissions
- Standing committees
- Ad hoc bodies
- Expert bodies composed of governmental experts
- Expert bodies composed of members serving in their personal capacity
- Related bodies
Management segment

- 2 Management segments during the 2024 cycle (5-6 June and 23-24 July)
- Resolution 72/305: focus on the adoption of procedural decisions, consideration of recommendations of subsidiary bodies, introduction of reports and consideration of draft proposals submitted under relevant agenda items
- Resolution 75/290A: Integrate the key messages from the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the UN system on the main theme, develop recommendations for follow-up and feed into HLPF
- 10 of 19 agenda items
- Bulk of formal decision-making (In 2022, 22 of 25 resolutions. 32 of 56 decisions. In 2023, 32 of 35 resolutions; 40 of 57 decisions.)
Elections

- Elections for most regular vacancies to be held at 9 April Management meeting; outstanding vacancies can be considered ad hoc

- ECOSOC conducts elections of members of 26 subsidiary and related bodies (Functional commissions, Executive Boards, Peacebuilding Commission) – regular elections to 19 bodies in 2024

- Agreed candidate/slate – can be elected without vote

- Secret ballot, if requested (rule 68)

- Documentation (E/2024/100/Add.1, E/2024/9 and Addenda – to be issued)

- Use of ‘Candiweb’ (under e-delegate - Elections)
Decision-making

- Decisions/resolutions adopted either without a vote or, at the request of a member, by recorded vote
- Each member has one vote (rule 58); Majority of those present and voting (rule 60)
- Source of proposals:
  - Contained in reports of subsidiary bodies
  - Draft proposals either by a delegation/group of delegations or President’s/Vice-President’s text
- Practice of consensus – in 2023, 31 of 35 resolutions and 56 of 57 decisions adopted without a vote.
- 2023 FfD outcome – adopted without a vote
- 2022 HLPF/HLS ministerial declaration – voting on para.– as a whole without a vote
Participation of non-Member States

- Rule 72 provides for participation of States non-members of the Council (also Article 69 of the Charter)
- States not members of the Council may submit and co-sponsor draft proposals – put to action at request of a member
- Inclusive approach (rule 72, order of speakers, practice in negotiation of draft ministerial declaration and other draft resolutions)
ECOSOC Place in e-deleGATE
Open Dialogue – Q&A
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Session 3: Partnership Forum (30 January 2024)

Ms. Naiara Costa
Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch
Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG/DESA)
What are the objectives of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum?

- In accordance with resolution 75/290A, 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum is mandated:

  (i) To focus on the **exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities** for the work ahead for the Council cycle and HLPF held under the auspices of the Council; and

  (ii) To discuss **forward-looking actions** by countries and all stakeholders as well as **innovative partnerships** that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda.

- Following up on 2023 SDG Summit, the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum will provide a platform for all to showcase and discuss the role of partnerships in driving SDG implementation.
What is the outcome of the Partnership Forum and its follow up?

• A non-negotiated factual Joint Summary of the ECOSOC President

• Possible follow-up by the ECOSOC president on strategic recommendations.
2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum at a glance:

• **High Level opening session:**
  - Opening remarks:
    * H.E. Ms. Paula Narvaez, President of ECOSOC
    * Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General
  - Keynote address:
    * Ms. Mariana Mazzucato, Professor of University College London
    * Ms. Charitie Ropati, Arctic Youth Ambassador / Girl Rising Fellow

• **Plenary session:** Official statements by Member States, observers, UN entities and stakeholders including on new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council and the HLPF

• **SDG Action Segments:** 4 Informal sessions dedicated to SDGs that will be reviewed at 2024 HLPF: Goal **1** (No Poverty); Goal **2** (Zero Hunger); Goal **13** (Climate Action); Goal **16** (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions); and Goal **17** (Partnerships for the Goals).

• **Closing session:**
  - Key messages from the SDG action segments
  - Closing remarks
    * Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
    * H.E. Ms. Paula Narvaez, President of ECOSOC

• **Side events:** virtual (morning) and hybrid (lunch hour) side events organized by various stakeholders.
Which stakeholders are engaged in the Forum?

- National governments, international organizations including UN system and international financial institutions (IFIs), parliamentarians, local governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth, etc.

- Stakeholders from different sectors have directly participated in:
  
i. Informal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group, established by the President of ECOSOC to support the organization of the Forum
  
  
iii. SDG Action Segments – Partners in several sessions
  
iv. Organization of Side-Events
  
v. Registration and participation
  
vi. Speaking slots (time permitting)
Save the date!

2024 UN Economic and Social Council Partnership Forum

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (EST)
30 January 2024

UN headquarters, New York / webcast
sdgs.un.org/2024ECOSOCPartnershipForum
Ms. Filipa Correia
Economic Affairs Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC/DESA)

Session 3
Coordination Segment (31 January - 1 February 2024) and the Partnership Forum (30 January 2024)

11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
• Created by A/RES/75/290 A of 25 June 2021 to strengthen the way that the Council delivers on its coordination function so as to help ensure that its subsidiary bodies and the UN System contribute fully to the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development and the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Replaced the Integration Segment and the informal meeting of the Council with the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies.
The Segment will formulate **common action-oriented policy guidance** on all matters requiring implementation or coordination efforts in the policy and normative area, including detailed guidance on the implementation of the intergovernmentally negotiated **ministerial declaration of the previous year**, by:

i. the Council's **subsidiary bodies**, and

ii. the **UN system**, notably the specialized agencies. (para 17)

The Segment will provide guidance and coordination to **subsidiary bodies**, ensuring a clearer division of labour among them, aligning their work with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and ensuring their **implementation of the ministerial declaration of the previous year**, bearing in mind the respective mandates and functions of those bodies. (para 18)

The Segment will furthermore provide detailed guidance to the **subsidiary bodies** of the Council and the **UN system** on their upcoming work on the main theme and develop action-oriented assessment and recommendations so that those bodies best contribute to the preparations for the thematic review of the **HLPF**. (para 18)

The Segment will examine key policy issues, lessons learned, best practices and recommendations emanating from the work of the Council's **subsidiary bodies during the previous cycle**. (para 18)

The Segment will address issues identified by subsidiary bodies as requiring the attention of the Council at the global level and to build on the policy conclusions of its subsidiary bodies, along with inputs of the **UN system**, so as to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. (para 18)

The Segment will provide forward-looking policy guidance to ensure coherence and direction in the policies and normative work of subsidiary bodies and specialized agencies relating to the 2030 Agenda as well as to other aspects of the work of the Council. (para 16)

The Segment will steer the ECOSOC system towards an efficient and integrated workflow throughout the Council cycle leading up to the **HLPF**. (para 16)

The Segment will review how subsidiary bodies and the **UN system** work on the interlinkages among the SDGs and the **integrated implementation** of the 2030 Agenda, guiding their work for the rest of the Council cycle. (para 18)
The next Coordination Segment will take place on 31 January and 1 February 2024.

Chaired by H.E. Mr. Akan Rakhmetullin (Kazakhstan), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council.

The 2024 Coordination Segment will seek to:
1. Bring the ECOSOC system together and discuss their role in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
2. Align the work of the ECOSOC system with the follow up to the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit.
3. Ensure an enhanced contribution by the ECOSOC system to the HLPF, the Summit of the Future and other intergovernmental processes in the economic, social, environmental, health and related fields.
2024 ECOSOC Coordination Segment

Informal Note by the Secretariat

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   c. Digital transformation, data, and related gaps
   d. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution
   e. Fostering economic and community resilience
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IV. The Way Forward: Conclusions and recommendations
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31 JANUARY-1 FEBRUARY 2024

Economic and Social Council

Select topic to Learn more
31 January – 1 February 2024

**Programme**

10:00 – 10:15  
**Opening**

10:15 – 11:30  
**Translating commitments into action to get back on track, tackle inequality and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises**

- Resilient and sustainable food systems: the path to advance SDG 2 and beyond

15:00 – 16:30  
**Sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to advance climate action**

16:30 – 18:00  
**Effective, strong and responsive institutions to achieve the SDGs and the future we want**
Programme

10:00 – 12:00  Conversation with Executive Secretaries of Regional Commissions and Chairs of functional commissions and expert bodies on sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda

15:00 – 16:30  Closing the digital divide: towards achieving a global digital transformation

16:30 – 17:30  The Way Forward: From the 2023 SDG Summit to the Summit of the Future

17:30 – 18:00  Closing
The outcome of the Coordination Segment is a non-negotiated factual summary prepared by the President of the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Bureau, to reflect the discussions during the Partnership Forum and the Segment as well as strategic proposals made during the Segment.

Its key recommendations will contribute to the thematic reviews taking place at the 2024 HLPF as well as major upcoming events in 2024, including the Summit of the Future.
Open Dialogue – Q&A

11:45 p.m. – 12:05 p.m.
Mr. Paul Simon
Programme Management Officer, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development (OISC/DESA)

ECOSOC Youth Forum (16-18 April 2024)
12:05 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.
ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM
16-18 APRIL 2024

“Youth shaping sustainable and innovative solutions: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of crises.”

United Nations
YOUTH2030
ECOSOC YOUTH FORUM
Timeline of the ECOSOC Youth Forum (2012-2024)

- **2012**
  - May: Creating a Sustainable Future: Empowering Youth with Better Job Opportunities

- **2013**
  - June: #Youth2015: Realizing the Future They Want

- **2014**
  - February: Youth Engagement in the Transition from MDGs to SDGs: What Will It Take?

- **2015**
  - February: Youth Taking Action to Implement the 2030 Agenda

- **2016**
  - January: The Role of Youth in Poverty Eradication and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing World - #YOUTH2030

- **2017**
  - January: The Role of Youth in Building Sustainable and Resilient Urban and Rural Communities

- **2018**
  - April: Youth: Empowered, Included and Equal

- **2019**
  - April: A Decade of Action: Building a Resilient Recovery

- **2020**
  - April: COVID-19 recovery: Youth Taking Action for a Sustainable Future

- **2021**
  - April: Accelerating the COVID-19 Recovery and Full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda with and for Youth

- **2022**
  - April: Youth Shaping Sustainable and Innovative Solutions: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and Eradicating Poverty in Times of Crises

Note: Due to COVID-19, the ECOSOC Youth Forum was postponed in 2020.
Overview of the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2024

- Platform for young people from around the world to engage in a dialogue with Member States and stakeholders on solutions to achieve the SDGs.

- The Youth Forum will align with the theme of the 2024 High-level Political Forum.

- It will bring together Government representatives, national youth institutions, regional/multilateral organizations and grassroots youth organizations.
Objectives of the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2024

- Present ideas and solutions to advance the SDGs based on national, regional and global experience.
- Mobilize youth engagement in the SDGs and at upcoming major events: HLPF and Summit of the Future.
- Bring together the voices of youth in developing and shaping strong policy recommendations.
Format of the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2024

• The thematic plenary sessions will address the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2024 (SDGs 1; 2; 13; 16 and 17).

• The parallel regional breakout sessions will help identify the development needs for youth at the regional level and how best to address them in the context of achieving the SDGs.

• The third day will bring together the voices of youth in the context of preparing the Summit of the Future.
Thank You
Open Dialogue – Q&A

12:20 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Lunch Break

12:35 p.m. – 3:00 pm
Part 2
Session 5
Mobilizing Financing for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda: Financing for Development Forum (22-25 April 2024)
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Ms. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt
Chief of the Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FFDO/DESA)
Mr. Alexander Roehrl
Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG/DESA)
A new one-UN, multi-stakeholder way of working

47 UN entities, 100+ expert staff volunteers, 10-working streams

1,000s of stakeholders have been involved, with many related events.

appointed by SG every two years

Single entry point to STI solutions and information by many partners
9th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (9-10 May 2024)

Theme aligned with HLPF in its in-focus SDGs

Expected outputs:
- Co-chairs summary as input for the HLPF’s SDG review
- STI4SDG solutions & partnerships
- Towards the Summit of the Future

Engagement:
- Call for Inputs (Science-Policy Briefs & Case Studies) and IATT report
- Side events, associated events
- Solutions, partnerships and policies

https://sdgs.un.org/tfm/STIForum2024
3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Open Dialogue – Q&A
Mr. Wook-Jin Chang  
Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination (OISC/DESA)
The Committee on NGOs

19 Member States for 2023-2026

- **Africa**: Algeria, Cameroon, Eritrea, Liberia and Zimbabwe
- **Asia**: China, India, Pakistan, Bahrain
- **East Europe**: Georgia, Armenia
- **Latin America and Caribbean**: Cuba, Nicaragua, Chile, Costa Rica
- **Western Europe and other states**: Israel, Turkey, United States and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Committee meets twice a year for a regular session (January) and a resumed session (May).
The United Nations and NGOs

UN Charter Article 71

The Economic and Social Council *may make suitable arrangements for consultation with NGOs* which are concerned with matters within its competence. Such arrangements may be made with international organizations and, where appropriate, with national organizations after consultation with the Member of the United Nations concerned.
international, regional, sub-regional, and national non-governmental, non-profit, public or voluntary organizations.

➤➤ The work of the NGO must be relevant to the work of ECOSOC;
➤➤ a transparent and democratic decision-making mechanism and a democratically adopted constitution;
➤➤ an established headquarters with an executive officer;
➤➤ in existence for at least 2 years in order to apply;
➤➤ the authority to speak for its members;
➤➤ a representative structure;
➤➤ appropriate mechanisms for accountability; and
➤➤ financial statements, including contributions and other support, and expenses, direct or indirect.
The Contribution of NGOs (ECOSOC RES 1996/31)

➤➤ Provide expert analysis on issues directly from its experience in the field;
➤➤ Serve as an early warning agent;
➤➤ Help monitor and implement international agreements;
➤➤ Help raise public awareness of relevant issues;
➤➤ Play a major role in advancing United Nations goals and objectives; and
➤➤ Contribute with essential information at organization events.
The Benefits of NGOs

- Attend and participate in meetings and events of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies
- Submit written statements
- Organize and attend parallel events that take place during the session
- Participate in debates, interactive dialogues, panel discussions and informal meetings
2. Work of the NGO Branch

Number of applications received by NGO Branch

- 2008-2009: 100
- 2009-2010: 200
- 2010-2011: 300
- 2011-2012: 400
- 2012-2013: 500
- 2013-2014: 500
- 2014-2015: 600
- 2015-2016: 700
- 2016-2017: 800
- 2017-2018: 900
- 2018-2019: 883
- 2019-2020: 546
- 2020-2021: 845
- 2021-2022: 845
- 2022-2023: 845

New applications
4:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Open Dialogue – Q&A
Ms. Emanuela Calabrini
Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Operational Activities Policy Branch, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination (OISC/DESA)

Mr. Matthew Hammill
Economic Affairs Officer, Operational Activities Policy Branch, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination (OISC/DESA)

Session 8
ECOSOC guiding UN work on the ground - Operational Activities for Development Segment (14-16 May 2024)
4:20 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.
Open Dialogue – Q&A
Ms. Anastasia Carayanides
Chief of the Intergovernmental Policy Section, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Session 9
ECOSOC supporting humanitarian efforts - Humanitarian Affairs Segment (19-21 June 2024) and the meeting on Transition from Relief to Development (18 June 2024)

4:50 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.
5:05 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Open Dialogue – Q&A
Ms. Sibel Selcuk
Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Office for Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, (OISC/DESA)
ECOSOC’s role in coordinating, guiding and addressing peace and development
• Article 65: The Economic and Social Council may furnish information to the Security Council and shall assist the Security Council upon its request.
• ECOSOC’s relationship with the Security Council
ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Groups


1999 - ECOSOC Resolution 1999/4

2002 - Guinea-Bissau (2002-2008)


2004-Present - ECOSOC Advising on Haiti's long-term development

- Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, chaired by Canada
- 23 members (as of January 2024)
- Working Groups
- Consultations with IFIs
- Visits to Haiti
- Reporting to ECOSOC
- ECOSOC resolution on AHAGH
- ECOSOC Special Meeting on Haiti (6/2023)
ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission

- Joint Meetings
- Briefings by the PBC Chair

ECOSOC’s consideration of the Sahel region and South Sudan

- Support to the Sahel region
- South Sudan
Any questions?
5:35 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Open Dialogue – Q&A
H.E. Mr Marco A. Suazo
Head-of-office
UNITAR New York

H.E. Ms Paula Narváez
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Chile to the United Nations, President of the ECOSOC
This is an anonymous survey.

We appreciate your assistance in filling out the questionnaire.