



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

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Excellency,

I am honoured to invite you to the 2025 high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the 2025 ECOSOC high-level segment at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The 2025 HLPF will be held from 14 to 18 July and 21 to 23 July 2025. Its ministerial segment from 21 to 23 July will be held jointly with the ECOSOC high-level segment, which will conclude on 24 July 2025. The HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC will result in a negotiated ministerial declaration.

Under the theme “*Advancing sustainable inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind*”, the 2025 HLPF will bring together ministers and high-level representatives of Member States, as well as a broad cross-section of representatives of the United Nations system and stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, to discuss policies for accelerating implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The HLPF will conduct in-depth reviews of Goal 3 on good health and well-being, Goal 5 on gender equality, Goal 8 on decent work and economic growth, Goal 14 on life below water, and Goal 17 on partnerships for the Goals, considering the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals. Thirty-seven countries will present Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of their national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

The HLPF will identify interlinkages with other key intergovernmental processes in 2025, including the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+30), the Third United Nations Ocean Conference, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), and the Second World Summit for Social Development, creating synergies that underscore the interconnectedness of these processes with the SDGs. The Forum will also support the implementation of the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit and contribute to the follow-up of the Summit of the Future and its Pact for the Future.

On 24 July, the high-level segment of ECOSOC will consider current global trends in globalization and their impacts on the achievement of the SDGs as well as the support of the multilateral system on the way forward.

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I wish to encourage Member States to be represented at the ministerial level and above in both meetings. I look forward to the engagement of Heads of State and Government, Ministers from relevant fields, including finance and planning, to share experiences and provide policy recommendations and sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for accelerating SDG achievement.

Please find attached the provisional programme. There will be opportunities for representatives of Member States, the UN system and major groups and other stakeholders to intervene during the thematic sessions of the first days of the HLPF, as well as during the VNR sessions and the high-level segment of ECOSOC.

The annotated programme and an information note for participants will be circulated in due course. All documentation for the Forum and the high-level segment of ECOSOC, including the concept note, reports and background notes, will be made available on the website (<https://hlpf.un.org/2025>).

In addition, I would like to invite you to attend my briefing about the status of preparations for the HLPF on 27 March, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Should you have further questions, please contact Mr. Friedrich Soltau (soltau@un.org) and Ms. Emanuela Calabrini (calabrini@un.org) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

I look forward to your and your Government's active participation in the 2025 HLPF and the high-level segment of ECOSOC.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Bob Rae
President of ECOSOC