



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Theme: Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs for leaving no one behind

Monday, 14 July 2025

Monday, 14 July 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, General Assembly Hall

Opening

The 2025 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) from Monday 14 to Wednesday 23 July 2025. The High-Level Segment of the ECOSOC, including the three-day ministerial segment of the HLPF, will take place from Monday 21 to Thursday 24 July 2025. The theme will be: *“Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs for leaving no one behind.”*

In 2025, the HLPF will carry out an in-depth review of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), without prejudice to their integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature

- **Goal 3.** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- **Goal 5.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- **Goal 8.** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
- **Goal 14.** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable developments
- **Goal 17.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Ten years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the 2025 HLPF will assess progress on these Goals and identify sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions to advance SDG implementation in the remaining five years. The HLPF will identify interlinkages with other 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 on Social Development, creating synergies that underscore the interconnectedness of these processes with the SDGs.

The 2025 HLPF will support the implementation of the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit and contribute to the follow-up to the 2024 Summit of the Future in support of the implementation of the Pact for the Future. It will result in a negotiated Ministerial Declaration.



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The 2025 HLPF will draw from the experience of the 37 countries conducting Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). It will also hear from other countries and participants about experiences, best practices and lessons learned in implementing the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

Provisional agenda (E/HLPF/2025/1) and documentation

The HLPF will be informed by the Report of the Secretary-General on “*Progress towards the SDGs*” (A/89/81-E/2025/62). The forum will also benefit from other important reports, as well as inputs from the functional commissions of ECOSOC and other intergovernmental bodies and forums.¹

Video to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Opening remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote and remarks:

- **H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Anatolio Ndong Mba**, Vice-President of ECOSOC (Equatoria Guinea) (*Messages from the ECOSOC system*) (Video)

Monday, 14 July 2024, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, General Assembly Hall

(Townhall meeting)

Unlocking means of implementation: Mobilizing financing and STI for the SDGs

The world is falling behind on achieving the SDGs by 2030, hindered by a financing gap of around \$4 trillion annually. The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) provided a once-in-a-decade opportunity to advance the urgently needed SDG investment push that is urgently needed and to reshape the global agenda of development finance to bridge this gap.

Equally important as addressing the financial divide is to bridge the digital and technological gaps. Science, technology, and innovation (STI) are critical in advancing sustainable development and global resilience. They have spurred economic growth, enhanced productivity, and significantly contributed to poverty eradication and health improvements. Furthermore, STI can be key in addressing environmental challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss.

¹ <https://hlpf.un.org/2025/documentation>



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However, technological benefits are unevenly distributed – both between and within countries – creating divides that hinder equitable development. Rapid technological advancements also present challenges, including potential negative impacts on economies, societies, the environments, and human rights. The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and data-centric models of digital platforms raises concerns over privacy and misinformation.

Investments in education, infrastructure, and institutions, including legal and regulatory frameworks, and strengthened international cooperation on STI are essential for creating an enabling landscape for innovation and technology diffusion, which are crucial for achieving the SDGs.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What outcomes and new commitments emerged from the FfD4 aiming to enhance partnerships among the actors of the SDG investment ecosystem (governments, public development banks, private sector, and others) drive investment at scale and elevate development impact—especially for the most vulnerable countries and communities?
- What were the key takeaways from the FfD4 regarding closing technological divides, scaling up public and private investment in STIs, and creating enabling environments for innovation?
- Considering the digital divides and their impact on sustainable and equitable development, what targeted strategies can be employed to ensure that emerging technologies reach and benefit all layers of society, particularly in underserved and developing regions?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Presentation:

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, presentation of the Report of the Secretary-General on “*Progress towards the SDGs*”

(The speaking order during the session will be organized to encourage a dynamic and interactive conversation, rather than adhering strictly to protocol)

Moderator:

- **H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and Coordinator of the UN Regional Commissions

Lead speakers:

- **Mr. Robert Kirkpatrick**, Chairman of the Board, United Cities Foundation, Former Executive Director, UN Global Purse
- **Ms. Sanda Ojiambo**, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, UN Global Compact
- **Mr. Robbert Dijkgraaf**, President-Elect, International Science Council

Lead discussants:

- **Ms. Emilia Reyes**, Programme Director of Policies and Budgets for Equality and Sustainable Development, Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia



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- **Ms. Marcia Barbosa**, Professor of Physics, Universidad Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)

Interactive discussion:

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Monday, 14 July 2024, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Conference Room 4
(Interactive panel)

SDGs in focus:

SDG 3 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Health is a fundamental human right and a core aspiration for every individual. Despite significant scientific and technological advancements, none of the SDG 3 targets have been achieved, and current trends indicate that none are on track. Alarmingly, over half of the world's population lacks access to essential health services, and since the COVID-19 pandemic, governments have deprioritized health spending between 2021 and 2022.

Health is not solely created within the health sector; it is shaped by how people live, eat, work, and learn. The social, economic, environmental, commercial, and other determinants of health underscore the necessity of integrated, whole-of-society approaches to policymaking to create and sustain health and well-being. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the delicate relationship between people and our planet, yet negotiations for the WHO Pandemic Treaty, aimed at enhancing global cooperation and preparedness for future pandemics, remain unfinished.

Numerous challenges and megatrends, including climate change, biodiversity loss, air pollution, urbanization, demographic shifts, and aging populations, pose new questions and issues that must be addressed to make progress on SDG 3. Rising conflict, displacement, humanitarian emergencies, and natural hazards exacerbate the divide between the well-off and those suffering the most severe health consequences.

This session will explore challenges and opportunities in advancing key solutions to accelerate progress towards SDG 3. It will benefit from the outcomes of the Expert Group Meeting on the review of SDG 3, held in Geneva in February 2025.



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Proposed guiding questions:

- What are some of the most transferable lessons from managing trade-offs and generating synergies across the 2030 Agenda when implementing SDG 3? What has been effective in breaking down barriers to propel progress on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and financial protection, maternal mortality, sexual and reproductive health and services, strengthening the health and care workforce, and health in Fragile, Conflict-affected, and Vulnerable (FCV) settings? What emerging trends and key shifts will likely shape health policy and outcomes over the next five years and beyond?
- What targeted policies are needed to ensure UHC for everyone, everywhere, including access to essential medicines? How can we prioritize investments in primary healthcare and preventive services?
- What existing policies and solutions can we learn from to better promote the well-being of humans, animals, and the environment in a holistic manner and increase resilience against future pandemics?
- How can we better harness STI to advance progress on SDG 3, such as AI-driven diagnostics, telemedicine, and mobile health tools for transformative solutions, especially for underserved populations in remote areas and FCV settings?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Mr. Tony Holohan**, Director, Centre for One Health, College of Health and Agricultural Sciences, Adjunct Full Professor of Public Health, University College Dublin

Panellists:

- **Ms. Magda Robalo**, Co-chair UHC2030, co-founder of the Institute for Global Health and Development of Guinea-Bissau
- **Mr. Ibrahim Abubakar**, Professor, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Dean, Faculty of Population Health Sciences, University College London

Lead discussant:

- **Ms. Marianne Haslegrave**, Director, Commonwealth Medical Trust

Interactive discussion:

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(Interactive panel)

SDGs in focus:

SDG 5 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

With just five years remaining until the 2030 deadline for achieving the SDGs, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls remains off track. The last review of SDG 5 at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2022 highlighted the immense burdens women faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, including job losses, increased gender-based violence, and disruptions to health services. Although there have been positive developments since then, such as new laws protecting reproductive rights and increased women's labor force participation, these gains are insufficient to achieve SDG 5 by 2030. Moreover, progress has been uneven across different regions, with marginalized communities facing the greatest setbacks. As the [Gender Snapshot 2024](#) revealed, there are significant costs of not achieving gender equality and delivering the promises of the 2030 Agenda, underscoring the urgency of decisive action.

This session will explore what it will take to accelerate progress towards SDG 5 and the empowerment of all women and girls worldwide. It will assess progress to date on SDG 5, identify challenges and opportunities for accelerating achievements, and highlight science-backed solutions for advancing SDG 5 and interlinked goals and targets.

The session will recognize progress made while identifying new challenges since SDG 5 was last reviewed at the HLPF three years ago. New areas of opportunity, promising partnerships and case studies will be discussed. How to tackle persistent barriers to achieving gender equality and emerging challenges to women's empowerment will also be covered.

The session will highlight the strong interlinkages of SDG 5 with the rest of the 2030 Agenda. Practical policies that build on synergies between SDG 5 and other goals will be discussed. Means of implementation, including technology and financing for SDG5, will be a particular focus. Linkages with the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing+30, the FfD4 and the Second World Summit for Social Development (WSSD) will be highlighted.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are the trends in SDG 5 targets? Which areas have seen the most progress and which ones are lagging behind the most?
- What lessons have been learned in policy making for gender equality in the last 10 years of implementation? What can be done differently from the past, and what should be reinforced and accelerated? What are the biggest impediments to progress?



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- What are the science- and evidence-based policy solutions that can help achieve gender equality? How can synergies with other goals be realized, while putting women and girls at the centre?
- How can the Beijing+30 and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) continue to guide efforts to achieve SDG 5, particularly in the context of the HLPF review? How can we leverage the commitments on gender equality and the empowerment of women in the Pact for the Future?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Ms. Jan Beagle**, Director General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

Panellists:

- **Ms. Sima Sami Bahous**, Executive Director, UN Women
- **Ms. Zara Khanna** Youth Ambassador, She Loves Tech
- **Mr. Albert Motivans**, Head, Data and Insights, Equal Measures 2030

Lead discussants:

- **Ms. Fer Ghanaa Ansari**, Senior Officer for International Advocacy, Musawa
- **Ms. Maryangel Garcia-Ramos**, Executive Director, Women Enabled International

Interactive discussion:

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(Interactive panels)

Accelerating SDG achievement in African countries, Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Middle-Income Countries (MICs)

Panel I: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

African countries, least developed countries and landlocked developing countries

Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs is crucial for African countries, least developed countries (LDCs), and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). These countries all face unique challenges that require tailored approaches to sustainable development, including in areas such as strengthening healthcare systems and improving access to essential medicines; ensuring that women and girls have equal access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities; promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth by enhancing productive capacities and fostering innovation; and boosting food security and coastal livelihoods through sustainable management of fisheries and protection of marine ecosystems. For LLDCs, improving infrastructure and connectivity is also vital to overcome geographical barriers and facilitate trade.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How can African countries, LDCs and LLDCs accelerate inclusive economic growth and build resilience against economic and environmental shocks, and address the impacts of conflicts?
- What innovative financing and partnership models are most effective for expanding fiscal space and accelerating SDG progress in African countries, LDCs, and LLDCs facing persistent debt distress and limited resources?
- How can governments and development partners close persistent gender gaps in education, healthcare, and economic participation, ensuring that women and girls are fully included in sustainable development efforts?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Ms. Cristina Duarte**, Under-Secretary-General and United Nations Special Adviser on Africa

Panellists:

- **Ms. Rabab Fatima**, Under Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS and Secretary-General of the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3)
- **H.E. Ms. Nosipho Jezile**, Chairperson, Committee on World Food Security (CFS)



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- **Mr. Landry Signé**, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution

Lead discussant:

- **Mr. Robert Akoto Amofo**, Pan Africa ILGA

Interactive discussion:

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Panel II: 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Middle-income countries

More than half the world's countries are classified as "middle-income countries" or MICs. They include around 75 per cent of the world's population and accounted for over 57 per cent of global GDP in 2024. MICs face the challenge of transitioning to growth models that achieve higher living standards and overcome the "middle-income trap." This transition requires significant investments from both public and private sources. However, MICs are constrained by limited fiscal space and high costs of accessing international financial markets, with restricted access to concessional finance due to their middle-income status. Detailed, multi-dimensional needs assessments beyond GDP per capita are necessary to inform policies and increase international cooperation. Innovative financing mechanisms and revitalized multilateral cooperation for global public goods, such as climate change mitigation and financial architecture reform, are essential to reduce the risks and vulnerabilities faced by MICs.

Proposed guiding questions:

- Historically, MICs have faced difficulties in maintaining sufficient gross domestic product per capita growth to raise living standards to levels associated with developed countries. In today's global context, marked by recurrent crises, stronger protectionism, limited access to finance and weaker multilateralism, how can middle-income countries make faster and longer-lasting progress?
- How can middle-income countries break structural barriers and achieve sustained, sustainable and inclusive growth, including through digital transformation? What have we learned from successful cases?
- What are some of the greatest challenges that middle-income countries face in harnessing digital technologies and AI, and what strategies can be employed to mitigate these challenges?
- How can international cooperation and South-South digital cooperation support the digital transition in middle-income countries? What are some successful examples?



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Moderator:

- **H.E. Mr. Antonio Manuel R. Lagdameo**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations

Panellists:

- **Mr. John W. McArthur**, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution
- **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Lead discussant:

- **Mr. Naveen Gautam**, Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent Youth Group

Interactive discussion:

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Wednesday, 16 July 2024

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**Introduction of the report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on
Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns**

Sustainable Development Goal 12 established that sustainable consumption and production are crucial for achieving all SDGs. The progress report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP) was prepared by its Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme, on behalf of the Board of the Framework, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/203, 68/210, 69/214 and 70/201. In resolution 70/201, the General Assembly affirms that due consideration should continue to be given to sustainable consumption and production at the meetings of the HLPF held under the auspices of the ECOSOC.



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Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Presentation:

- **H.E. Ms. Annika Lindblom**, Director, International and European Union Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Finland, Co-Chair of the Board of the 10YFP

Wednesday, 16 July 2025, 10:10 AM – 1:00 PM, Conference Room 4
(Interactive panel)

SDGs in focus:

SDG 8 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Decent work and economic growth

With just five years left to meet the 2030 Agenda, SDG 8 - promoting sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all - remains one of the most off-track goals. Although modest gains have been made, including increased access to financial services, progress has stagnated or regressed across critical areas such as youth employment, informality, labour rights, and child labour. The erosion of decent work is symptomatic of broader global structural challenges, including macroeconomic volatility, inequality, climate shocks, geopolitical fragmentation, and digital transformation. The Expert Group Meeting on SDG 8 highlighted how the SDG 8 agenda is not only central to the economy but foundational to the 2030 Agenda. Decent work underpins poverty reduction, gender equality, education, and climate resilience. Achieving it requires addressing both the quantity and quality of employment — with equal attention to rights, social protection, productivity, and inclusion.

This session will explore critical pathways to accelerate progress on SDG 8 by identifying priority areas in need of urgent action and examining how national policies can be realigned to place decent work at the center of economic planning. Participants will discuss practical strategies for formalizing informal work, financing social protection, embedding labour standards in green and digital transitions, and strengthening data systems to monitor labour rights and non-standard forms of work. The session presents an opportunity to re-commit to the vision of SDG 8 — one where growth benefits all, where work is safe and dignified, and where no one is left behind in transitions shaping the future of work.

Proposed guiding questions:

- Which areas under SDG 8 are most in need of urgent acceleration, and why?
- How can national macroeconomic frameworks be restructured to prioritize full employment and decent work?
- What mechanisms are effective in transitioning informal to formal work, particularly for women and youth?
- How can decent work goals be embedded in digital and green economy transitions?
- What are promising financing models to close the decent work and social protection gaps?



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- How can data systems be improved to track progress on non-standard work and labour rights?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Mr. Sangheon Lee**, Director of the Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Panellists:

- **Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- **Mr. Jason Judd**, Executive Director, Global Labour Institute, Cornell University ILR School

Lead discussants:

- **Ms. Siobhan Vipond**, Vice-Chair of the ITUC Women's Committee and Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress
- **Ms. Macarena Letelier**, General Manager, Confederación de la Producción y del Comercio, Chile

Interactive discussion:

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(Interactive panel)

Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Strategies for SDG Success

The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity" (ABAS), charts the programme of action for SIDS for the next decade. It outlines concrete actions across 10 thematic areas that must now be implemented. To achieve this, the international community must make much-needed development finance at scale and establish effective partnerships that mobilize the necessary means of implementation to ensure tangible results. The UN system must also be prepared to support ABAS with the appropriate working modalities, tools, expertise and resources to better support national priorities while delivering in a coherent and coordinated manner.

This session will examine early efforts to support the effective implementation of ABAS, particularly its monitoring and evaluation, including data collection, in some of the areas under in-depth review (SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14, 17). It will also highlight key initiatives that require international community support, such



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as the Debt Sustainably Support Service for SIDS (DSSS), the SIDS Center of Excellence and the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI).

Proposed guiding questions:

- With only five years remaining to advance SDG implementation, and many SIDS facing limited or uneven progress across various targets, how can the outcomes of UNOC 3 and FFD4 be strategically harnessed to mobilize the support SIDS urgently need?
- What are the key data gaps and challenges that SIDS must address in the short and medium term to accelerate progress toward the SDGs, and in the longer term to realize the ambitions of the ABAS?
- How can SIDS leverage regional and international partnerships to enhance their sustainable development efforts?
- What are the effective mechanisms to finance SDG initiatives in SIDS, and how can these be scaled up to ensure sustainable progress?

Chair:

- **H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote:

- **Mr. Ulisses Correia e Silva**, Prime Minister of Cabo Verde (*Virtual*)

Moderator:

- **Mr. Matthew Bishop**, Co-Director, Resilient and Sustainable Islands Initiative (RESI)

Panellists:

- **Mr. Sergio Fernandez de Cordova**, Executive Chairman, PVBLC Foundation
- **H.E Ms. Ilena Seid**, Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations and Chair of Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
- **Ms. Rabab Fatima**, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Lead discussant:

- **Ms. Ruth Julie Kissam**, Advancing PNG Women Leaders Network

Interactive discussion:

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(Interactive panel)

SDGs in focus:

SDG 14 and interlinkages with other SDGs – Life below water

SDG 14 provides the global framework for conserving and sustainably using the ocean, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development. Yet, nearly a decade into the 2030 Agenda, SDG 14 counts amongst the most underfunded and off-track goals. The ocean remains in a state of emergency due to enduring threats such as overexploitation, pollution and climate change. The 2025 Expert Group Meeting on SDG 14 emphasized persistent data gaps, fragmented governance, insufficient implementation of Marine Protected Areas, and rising vulnerability in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). At the same time, it highlighted advances in international ocean law, fisheries management, science-policy integration, and the adoption of major global frameworks such as the BBNJ Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

This HLPF session will examine opportunities to reverse the current trajectory through inclusive, science-driven, and transformative action. The discussion will spotlight how strengthened partnerships, innovative financing, and cross-sectoral cooperation can address longstanding implementation gaps. Participants will also discuss how to leverage interlinkages between SDG 14 and the other goals under review in 2025—namely SDG 3 (Health), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The session will reflect on how to build upon the outcomes of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference and explore pathways to strengthen resilience, equity, and sustainability in coastal and marine ecosystems. It will follow an interactive discussion format.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How might recent crises, new commitments, COP's discussions on climate and biodiversity, and emerging technologies affect longer term trends and change the landscape for achieving SDG 14?
- What are the key elements of an effective science-policy-society interface, bringing marine science into decision-making in an inclusive and forward-looking manner and advancing the 2030 Agenda as a whole?
- Over the past 10 years, what have been the biggest impediments to implementing SDG 14 in different regions?
- What are the emerging opportunities to accelerate achievement of SDG 14 by 2030?
- What opportunities exist for building on synergies with other policy goals and for managing trade-offs?



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- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Dr. Kiliparti Ramakrishna**, Director of Marine Policy Center and Senior Adviser to the President on Ocean and Climate Policy, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Panellists:

- **Ms. Elizabeth McLeod**, Global Ocean Director, the Nature Conservancy
- **Ms. Editrudith Lukanga**, Secretary-General, African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET/WFF)
- **Mr. Charles Tellier**, Deputy to the Special Envoy of France for UNOC3

Lead discussant:

- **Ms. Sophika Kostyniuk**, Managing Director, Aquatic Life Institute

Interactive discussion:

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Thursday, 17 July 2025, 03:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Conference Room 4

(Interactive panel)

Strengthening alliances for SDG implementation: multi stakeholder engagement for the 2030 Agenda

This official MGoS thematic session will bring together diverse stakeholders to explore how multilateralism can be renewed and strengthened to deliver on the promises of the 2030 Agenda. The session will center the role of civil society and other stakeholders in defending human rights, countering the growing backlash against inclusive development, and driving practical action—especially around SDG 5 (Gender Equality) SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), which are under in-depth review.

Proposed guiding questions:

- In a world facing multiple crises and growing distrust in global governance, what are the most urgent actions we must take to defend and revitalize multilateralism?
- How can civil society and other stakeholders help rebuild trust in multilateralism, and how do we ensure the leadership and voices of historically marginalized groups are central to that effort?



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- What are some concrete ways governments and stakeholders are working together to advance gender equality and decent work? What conditions have made these partnerships successful and what still holds them back?
- With growing fragmentation and competing national agendas, how can we ensure that global commitments from CSW to FfD4 to the World Social Summit reinforce each other rather than work in silos?
- How do we unlock political will and mobilize long-term financing for inclusive, participatory implementation of the 2030 Agenda especially in a time of austerity and backlash?
- How can multilateral systems better reflect the priorities and lived realities of young people and future generations including those from communities that are most often left out of decision-making?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Ms. Rashima Kwatra**, Co-Chair, MGoS Coordination Mechanism

Keynote speakers:

- **Ms. Winnie Byanyima**, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (*Virtual*)
- **Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa**, Executive Director, Global Women Leaders for Change and Inclusion, GWL Voices

Panellists:

- **Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda**, Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support, UN System Coordination, and Programme Results, UN Women
- **Mr. Sergio Colina Martín**, Director General for Sustainable Development Policies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain
- **Ms. Zingiswa Losi**, President, Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU)

Lead discussant:

- **Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon**, Special Representative to the UN and Director, ILO Office for the United Nations

Interactive discussion:

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Thursday, 17 July 2025, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, Conference Room 4

(Interactive panel)

Transformation from the ground up: Acting at local level

With at least 65 percent of SDG targets linked to the work and mandates of local and regional governments, local action is essential for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Local governments are at the forefront of addressing the unique challenges and opportunities within their communities, making them pivotal in implementing and monitoring progress towards the SDGs. Their proximity to citizens allows for more tailored and responsive governance, which is crucial for addressing issues such as poverty, inequality, and environmental sustainability at the grassroots level. The recognition of the crucial role of local governments and actors continues to grow. This is evident in the successive political declarations of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), where Member States have repeatedly emphasized the importance of localizing the SDGs, as well as in the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit and the 2024 Pact for the Future.

In recent years, local and regional governments have increasingly embraced Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) to assess and report on their progress towards the SDGs. The global VLR movement has provided an unprecedented push towards localization yielding significant benefits in areas such as sustainable development planning, inclusive and participatory governance, data innovation, and multilevel governance.

This session will showcase successful local and regional approaches to accelerating sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the SDGs. It will discuss the enablers of these successes and consider how local action can be expanded in all regions to accelerate progress towards all 17 goals.

Proposed guiding questions:

- How have SDG localization efforts, including the preparation of VLRs and Voluntary Subnational Reviews (VSRs), led to advances in the implementation of sustainable development? Please share concrete examples from your local, regional or national context in relation to a) increasing stakeholder engagement in local SDG implementation; b) improving and local data systems that contribute to evidence-based action; and c) integrating SDGs into local and national planning.
- How can national and subnational authorities better access and leverage financing, including by diversifying income and finance resources, to scale local efforts and accelerate progress towards the SDGs? What positive concrete examples can be shared?

Chair:

- **H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **Ms. Emilia Saiz**, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments



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Panellists:

- **Mr. Tebogo Matlou**, Project Manager International Programmes and Partnerships at South Africa Local Government Association (SALGA)
- **Ms. Carmen Paz**, Mayor, San Nicolás, Santa Bárbara, Honduras

Lead discussants:

- **Mr. Rudolf Heinrich Bühler**, Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall
- **Ms. Nazia Rehman**, Chair, Committee on Social Inclusion and Human Dignity, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

Interactive discussion:

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Friday, 18 July 2024

Friday, 18 July 2025, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

As part of the follow-up and review process for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States are encouraged to “conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels, which are country led and country driven” (paragraph 79). These national reviews are conducted annually during the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC.

Paragraph 84 of the 2030 Agenda specifies that HLPF’s regular reviews should be voluntary, state-led, undertaken by both developed and developing countries, and involve multiple stakeholders. The VNRs aim to facilitate the exchange of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Additionally, VNRs aim to enhance government policies and institutions and to foster multistakeholder support and partnerships for implementing the SDGs.

This year, thirty-seven (37) countries will present VNRs on the 2030 Agenda’s implementation.

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC



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6 VNRs

1st Panel: **Guatemala, Malaysia, Sudan**

2nd Panel: **Angola, Kyrgyz Republic, Saint Lucia**

VNR presentations followed by Q&A segment

Friday, 18 July 2025, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Conference Room 4

Voluntary National Reviews

Chair: H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC

6 VNRs

3rd Panel: **Belarus, Dominican Republic, South Africa**

4th Panel: **Bangladesh, Eswatini, Federated States of Micronesia**

VNR presentations followed by Q&A segment

Monday, 21 July 2025

Monday, 21 July 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, General Assembly Hall

Opening of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC /

Ministerial Segment of the HLPF

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Keynote and remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC
- **H.E. Mr. Philémon Yang**, President of the General Assembly
- **Mr. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Messages on behalf of youth:

- **Ms. Carolina Rojas**, Technology Focal Point, Major Group for Children and Youth's Science-Policy Interface



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Monday, 21 July 2025, 11:10 AM-1:00 PM, General Assembly Hall

General Debate

The general debate of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC, including the ministerial segment of the 2025 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), will take place in person from 21 to 23 July 2025. The debate will focus on the theme “UN@80: Catalyzing Change for Sustainable Development”. This event will bring together Ministers and high-level representatives of participating States, intergovernmental organizations, the UN system, and major groups and other stakeholders. They will share experiences, lessons learned, policy guidance, transformative actions, and initiatives. They will discuss ways to follow up on the Political Declaration of the 2023 SDG Summit and the Pact of the Future adopted at the Summit of the Future in September 2024 with the aim of accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

Chair: H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC

General debate

Monday, 21 July 2025, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Voluntary National Reviews

Chair: H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC

6 VNRs:

1st Panel: **El Salvador, Malta, Thailand**

2nd Panel: **Czechia, Israel, Papua New Guinea**

VNR presentations followed by Q&A segment

Monday, 21 July 2025, 3:00 PM-6:00 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Debate:

(Continuation)

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski, Vice-President of ECOSOC

General debate (*Continuation*)



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Tuesday, 22 July 2025

Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 10:00 AM-10:15 AM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Messages from the UN Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) contributes to the effective implementation and full integration of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its interlinkages with the social and economic dimensions, acknowledging that a healthy environment is an essential requirement and key enabler for sustainable development. In his allocution, the President of the UNEA, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, President of the UNEA and Chairman of the Environment Authority of Sultanate of Oman, will convey the main messages of the UNEA and present the environmental perspective of sustainable development and the contributions of the Assembly to the debates of the HLPF.

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Speaker:

- **H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri**, President of the UNEA and Chairman of the Environment Authority of Sultanate of Oman

Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 10:15 -11:45 AM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Regional perspectives on SDG implementation

In view of the huge financing gaps and the need to increase speed and scale of implementation, regional Commissions are at the forefront of strengthening the capacity of member States and other stakeholders to adopt and implement innovative financing mechanisms and solutions and good practices to accelerate SDG progress. In the lead up to the 2025 HLPF, the Regional Commissions convened Forums inspired by the theme of the 2025 HLPF. The Forums offered a platform to explore concrete actions to implement the outcomes of the Summit of the Future (Pact for the Future and its annexes) and to accelerate SDG progress. The Forums also provided platforms to articulate regional priorities and perspectives to inform deliberations of major global summits that drive SDG delivery, notably the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development and the Second World Summit for Social Development. Building on the outcomes of the Forums, this session will :

- (i) highlight unique and shared regional challenges and opportunities and advance regional priorities including innovative pathways, policy solutions and actions for accelerating the implementation of the SDGs;
- (ii) showcase concrete examples of initiatives by the Regional Commissions and partners with a focus on innovative financing mechanisms and good practices;
- (ii) facilitate cross-regional learning on workable, science- and evidence-based models and solutions;
- and (iv) illustrate the



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strategic offers and competitive advantages of the Regional Commissions in advancing implementation of the SDGs, including regional partnerships.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are the key regional priorities, strategies and solutions to scale actions to effectively follow-up to the Summit of the Future and achieve the SDGs?
- What are the regional priorities regarding SDG implementation that should be addressed by the Second World Summit for Social Development with a view to stepping up the pace and scale of implementation of the SDGs?
- What are some of the successful initiatives by the regional commissions and other partners to scale innovative financing mechanisms, partnerships and other good practices to implement the SDGs?
- What are some successful examples of good practices in SDG implementation that can be replicated across the regions?
- What is the strategic position, value propositions and competitive advantages of the Regional Commissions? How can these be leveraged to support members and to drive the implementation of SDGs and other development frameworks?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **H.E. Ms. Keisha M. McGuire**, President and CEO, Present and Future Institute

Panellists:

- **H.E. Ms. Robinah Nabbanja**, Prime Minister of Uganda, as Chair of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- **H.E. Mr. Muhammad Ali Tamim**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning of the Republic of Iraq, as Chair of the Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- **H.E. Mr. Jorge Felix Rubio**, Director-General for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru, as Chair of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- **H.E. Mr. Suman Bery**, Vice-Chair of NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog of India, as Chair of the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
- **H.E. Mr. Umid Abidkhadjaev**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance, Uzbekistan (*tbc*), as Co-Chair of the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- **H.E. Mr. Ioannis Ghikas**, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations in Geneva, as Co-Chair of the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (*tbc*)

Lead discussants:

- **Mr. Faisal Alfadl**, Secretary-General, Saudi Green Building Forum

Responses by the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions

- **Mr. Claver Gatete**, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa and Coordinator of the UN Regional Commissions
- **Ms. Tatiana Molcean**, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission of Europe (*tbc*)



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- **Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commissions for Western Asia
- **Ms. Arminda Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- **Mr. Jose Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Interactive discussion:

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Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Voluntary National Reviews

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski, Vice President of ECOSOC

3 VNRs:

1st panel: **Bahamas (The), Finland, Philippines (The)**

VNR presentations followed by Q&A segment

Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Voluntary National Reviews

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC / **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

7 VNRs:

2nd panel: **Germany, Kazakhstan, Seychelles**

3rd panel: **Japan, Gambia (The)**



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4th panel: **Indonesia, Suriname**

VNR presentations followed by Q&A segment

Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate

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Chair:

H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski, Vice-President of ECOSOC

General debate (*Continuation*)

Wednesday, 23 July 2025

Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Voluntary National Reviews

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski, Vice-President of ECOSOC

7 VNRs

1st panel: **Bhutan, Ghana, Iraq**

2nd panel: **Qatar, Nigeria**

3rd panel: **Bulgaria, Ethiopia**

VNR Presentations followed by Q&A segment



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Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Debate

(Conclusion)

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC / **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

General debate

Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Conference Room 4

HLPF

Voluntary National Reviews

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC

2 VNRs

4th panel: **India, Lesotho**

VNR presentations followed by Q&A segment

Wednesday, 23 July 2025, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, Conference Room 4

Closing of the HLPF

Chair:

H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of ECOSOC

Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration

Adoption of the procedural report of the HLPF

Closing remarks:

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Conclusion of the HLPF



Theme: Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its SDGs for leaving no one behind

Thursday, 24 July 2025

High-level Segment of ECOSOC

(Continued)

Thursday, 24 July 2025, 10:00 - 10:30 AM, ECOSOC Chamber

Introduction of the Secretary-General's reports on the theme of HLPF and ECOSOC, and on long-term impact of current trends on the realization of the SDGs

Introduction of the report of the Committee on Development Policy

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Introduction of the report of the Committee on Development Policy

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski**, Vice-President of ECOSOC

Presentations:

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- **Mr. José Antonio Ocampo**, Chairperson, Committee for Development Policy (*Virtual*)

Thursday, 24 July 2025, 10:30 AM -1:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber

(Panel)

UN at 80: the role of ECOSOC in leading action for a stronger and more effective multilateral system

2025 marks the United Nations' 80th anniversary, a milestone amid pressing global challenges such as inequality, poverty, climate change, and conflicts. This moment calls for reflection on the future of multilateralism and solidarity. In March 2025, the Secretary-General launched the UN80 Initiative to evaluate the Organization's fitness for purpose. With the 2030 deadline for the Sustainable Development



Goals approaching, efforts to modernize the UN are accelerating to address increasingly complex global challenges.

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) plays a crucial role in coordinating UN responses and promoting inclusive, agile multilateralism in support of the 2030 Agenda. ECOSOC will celebrate its 80th anniversary in January 2026, coinciding with the General Assembly's review of ECOSOC and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). These events, together with assessments of ECOSOC's Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies, provide opportunities to align UN80 priorities with Member States' goals.

This session of the ECOSOC High-Level Segment will facilitate dialogue among UN entities, Heads of Government, and Ministers. It aims to explore ways to revitalize ECOSOC's leadership and functions, enhancing its effectiveness and dynamism in advancing multilateral solutions to global challenges in today's rapidly evolving international environment.

Proposed guiding questions:

- As the United Nations commemorates its 80th anniversary, what opportunities and challenges lie ahead for ECOSOC in reinforcing its leadership and core functions?
- How can ECOSOC and its subsidiary machinery deliver more transformative solutions to strengthen multilateral cooperation, enhance global solidarity, and effectively address emerging global challenges?
- Looking at strengthening ECOSOC during the intergovernmental review exercise to be undertaken by the General Assembly at its 80th session and the Council's upcoming assessment on strengthening its Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies, how can ECOSOC discharge its functions more effectively in addressing complex challenges in uncertain times?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Interactive panel discussion

Moderator:

- **Mr. Sherwin Bryce-Pease**, Bureau Chief and Correspondent, South African Broadcasting Corporation

Panellists:

- **Mr. Guy Ryder**, Under-Secretary-General for Policy
- **Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo**, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) (*virtual*)
- **Ms. Kitty Van der Heijden**, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- **Mr. Thomas Lamanauskas**, Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Respondents:

- **H.E. Ms. Robinah Nabbanjja**, Prime Minister of Uganda



- **H.E. Mr. Rachmat Pambudy**, Minister of National Development Planning and Head of the National Development Planning Agency, Indonesia
- **H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz bin Nasser bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa**, Secretary General of the National Planning Council, Qatar

Interactive discussion:

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Thursday, 24 July 2025, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber

(Policy Dialogue)

Global trends and their future impacts: globalization and international cooperation in a transforming world

The form, speed and geographical scope of globalization have changed, accelerated and expanded tremendously over time, driven by continuous advances in technology and the policy choices of governments and decisions by businesses and individuals. Many developing countries have benefited greatly from economic integration in the past three decades and the global poverty rate has declined markedly. However, there is also recognition that economic integration has outpaced efforts to cushion its negative effects.

The Economic and Social Council and the ECOSOC system have regularly drawn the attention of Member States to the distributional effects of unregulated economic globalization, both within and between countries, as well as the environmental impacts.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is at the heart of the current global framework to make globalization more equitable, inclusive and sustainable. Through the 2030 Agenda, its SDGs and other globally agreed policy frameworks, the United Nations provides opportunities for achieving a fair and inclusive globalization, the realization of which requires national and global policy actions.

Proposed guiding questions:

- What are the likely impacts of the current trends in globalization on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?
- How can the Economic and Social Council rise to the challenge of strengthening a rules-based, fair, equitable and pro-sustainable development globalization and international cooperation that works for all?



- What renewal is needed for the Council and the ECOSOC system to address the current challenges related to globalization and multilateralism and look beyond, towards the future, as the United Nations celebrates its 80th Anniversary?

Chair:

- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Moderator:

- **H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Cousens**, United Nations Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer

Panellists:

- **H.E. Ms. Fitsum Assefa Adela**, Minister for Planning and Development, Ethiopia
- **H.E. Mr. Suman Bery**, Vice Chair, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), Government of India, and Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- **H.E. Ms. Yuriko Koike**, Governor of Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
- **Mr. Amar Bhattacharya**, Senior Fellow, Center for Sustainable Development, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings

Ministerial Respondent:

- **H.E. Ms. Rosemarie G. Edillon**, Undersecretary, Department of Economy, Planning and Development, Philippines

Interactive discussion:

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Thursday, 24 July 2025, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, ECOSOC Chamber

Conclusion of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration

Closing remarks:

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- **H.E. Mr. Bob Rae**, President of ECOSOC

Conclusion of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC