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Reforming ECOSOC...

• Creation of ECOSOC by the UN Charter
• 1965 and 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
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

People
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• **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 [...]

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ECOSOC Membership and Bureau

54 Members, elected by the General Assembly, for three-year terms:

- fourteen African states
- eleven Asian states
- six Eastern European states
- ten Latin American and Caribbean states
- thirteen Western European and other states

**Bureau of 2021 session of ECOSOC:**

**President of ECOSOC: H.E. Ambassador Munir Akram (Pakistan)**
His Excellency Collen Vixen Kelapile, (Botswana)
His Excellency Juan Sandoval Mendoza, (Mexico)
Her Excellency Pascale Baeriswyl, (Switzerland)
His Excellency Sergiy Kyslytsya, (Ukraine)
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