ECOSOC
Main functions and architecture
Reforming ECOSOC...

- 1945 - 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
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 [...]

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 policy and normative work (coordination segment)
  • Oversight and guidance of operational activities of the UN development system (operational activities segment)
  • Coordination of humanitarian assistance (humanitarian affairs segment)
Functions of ECOSOC (con’t)

• 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)
## ECOSOC Subsidiary bodies

### Functional Commissions

- Commission for Social Development (CSocD)
- Statistical Commission
- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)
- Commission on Population and Development (CPD)
- United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)
- Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
Functions of ECOSOC (con’t)

• **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)
ECOSOC/HLPF Annual theme

2022 – “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

ECOSOC Segments
(Coordination Segment, Operational activities, Humanitarian affairs, etc.)

Subsidiary bodies
(Regional Commissions, Functional Commissions, Expert bodies, Standing Committees, etc.)

ECOSOC Forums
Financing for Development, STI Forum, etc.)
ECOSOC / HLPF Timeline

February
- Partnership Forum 1 day, NY
- Coordination Segment up to 2 days, NY

March
- Youth Forum 2 days, NY Presidential Statement
- Development Cooperation Forum 2 days, NY (Biennial) President’s Summary
- FFD Forum 4 days, NY Agreed Conclusions
- Management Segment (elections) 1 day

April
- Multi-stakeholder Forum on STI 2 days, NY Co-Chairs’ Summary
- Operational Activities for Development Segment 3 days, NY Resolution

May
- Transition Meeting 1 day, NY/GVA Resolutions/decisions
- Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2-3 days, NY/GVA Resolution
- Management Segment up to 2 days Resolutions/decisions

June
- High-level Political Forum 5 days, NY
- High-level Segment including 3 days Ministerial Segment 4 days, NY

July
- Ministerial Declaration
- President’s Summary

September
- General Assembly
- HLPF at Summit Level (2023)
- Political Declaration 2023

Ongoing: Sessions of subsidiary bodies – ECOSOC Commissions, Functional Commissions, Expert bodies, Standing Committees, Ad Hoc bodies and other related bodies
Contributions to HLPF thematic review

2022 – “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

Subsidiary bodies
(produce a report that goes to ECOSOC and an input on HLPF thematic review that goes to HLPF)

UN system intergovernmental bodies
(provide an input to HLPF thematic review e.g. Human Rights Council, World Health Assembly)

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HLPF review of SDGs and theme/VNRs

Ministerial Declaration
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Thank you

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