



ECOSOC

United Nations Economic and Social Council

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ECOSOC, its main functions and architecture

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
Planet
Prosperity
Peace
Partnership



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
- UN system coordination
- Oversight and guidance of UN operational activities
- Coordination of humanitarian assistance
- Oversight and guidance of subsidiary bodies
- Interaction peace/development
- Addressing urgent socio-economic developments
- Granting consultative status to NGOs

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 Mendiolea, (Mexico)

Her Excellency Pascale Baeriswyl, (Switzerland)

His Excellency Sergiy Kyslytsya, (Ukraine)

ECOSOC and ECOSOC System DRAFT Calendar for 2021 session (July 2020 - July 2021)

Late July 2020 – December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
23 July: ECOSOC Organization Session	25 Jan: Meeting of ECOSOC with the Chairs of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies	8-17 Feb: Commission for Social Development (CSocD)	1 - 5 Mar: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) (Geneva)	7-8 Apr: Youth Forum	3 May: Partnership Forum	8-9 Jun: ECOSOC Management Segment	2 Jul: ECOSOC Integration Segment
26-27 Aug and 4 Sep: Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UNGIM)	27 Jan: Joint briefing by the Presidents of the GA and ECOSOC	15 Feb- 5 Mar: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) (Geneva)	1-3, 5 Mar: Statistical Commission	12-15 Apr: ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up	3-7 May: UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names	7 Jun: NGO Committee regular session	6-15 Jul: High-level Political Forum (HLPF)
14 Sept: Formal meeting of ECOSOC		18 Feb: ECOSOC Special Meeting on Reimagining Equality: Eliminating racism, xenophobia and discrimination for all in the decade of action for the SDGs	1-4 Mar: Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, (Brazaville)	12-16 Apr: Committee on Narcotic Drugs (CND)	4-5 May: Multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals	23-25 Jun: Humanitarian Affairs Segment (Geneva)	13-16 Jul: High-level Segment, including the 3-day ministerial segment of HLPF
28 Sep-16 Oct: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) (Geneva)		22-26 Feb: Committee for Development Policy (CDP)	15-26 Mar: Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)	19-23 Apr: Commission on Population and Development (CPD)	6-7 May: Development Cooperation Forum		21-22 Jul: ECOSOC Management Segment
14 Oct: Joint meeting of ECOSOC and the Second Committee			17-23 Mar: ECA Session (Addis Ababa)	<u>TBC: ESCWA session</u>	17-21 Mar: Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) (Geneva)		23 Jul: ECOSOC Organizational Session
20-23 26-29 Oct: Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters			17-18 Mar: Regional Forum for Sustainable Development for the UNECE region (Geneva)	20 Apr: ECOSOC Management Meeting (Elections)	17-21 May: Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) (Vienna)		
2-6 Nov: Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Int. Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) (Geneva)			23-26 Mar: Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (Bangkok)	20-21 Apr: ECE session	17-25 May: NGO Committee regular session		* 30 August-3 September: NGO Committee resumed session
19 Nov: Joint ECOSOC-PBC Meeting			TBC Mar: Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Costa Rica)	26-30 Apr: UN Forum on Forests (UNFF)	27 May: NGO Committee regular session		* 7-10 September: NGO Committee resumed session
2-4 Dec: CND (reconvened, Vienna)			TBC Apr: Arab Forum for Sustainable Development (Beirut)	26-28 30 Oct: Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters	18-20 May: Operational Activities Segment		
3-4 Dec: CCPCJ (postponed session, followed by reconvened, Vienna)				29 Apr: Special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters			

ECOSOC meetings, forums and segments

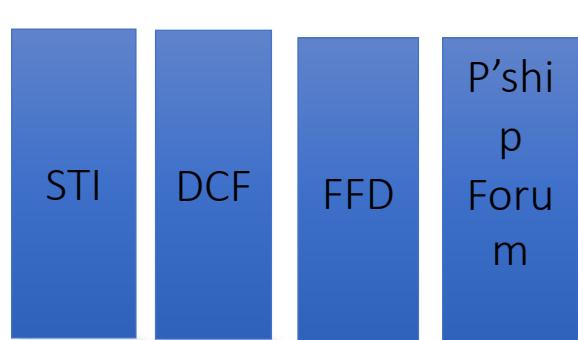
Meetings of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies

Regional commission sessions and Regional Forums for Sustainable Development (RFSD)

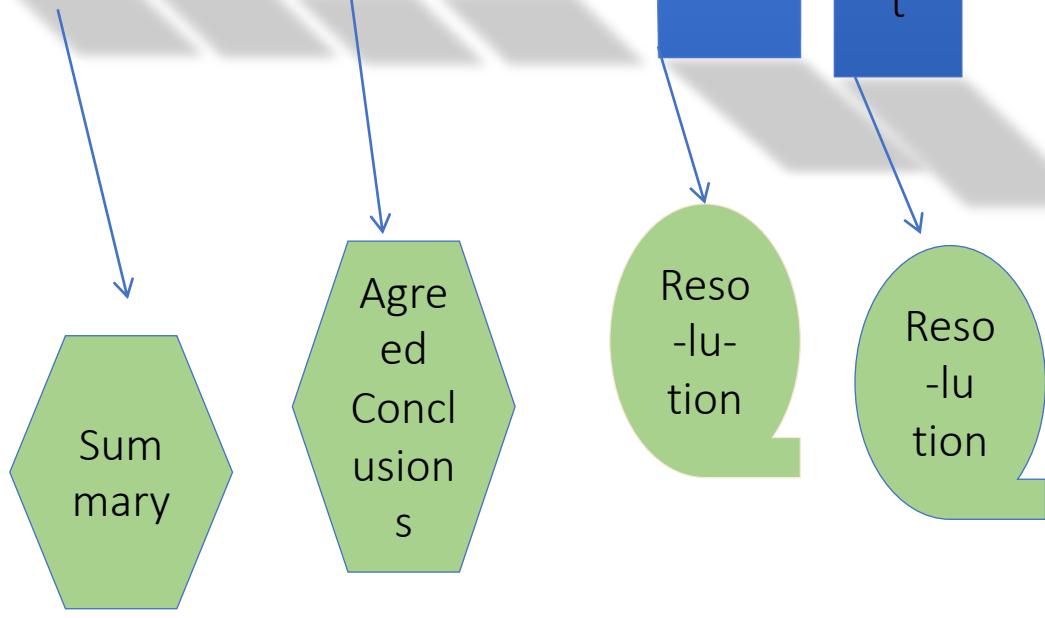
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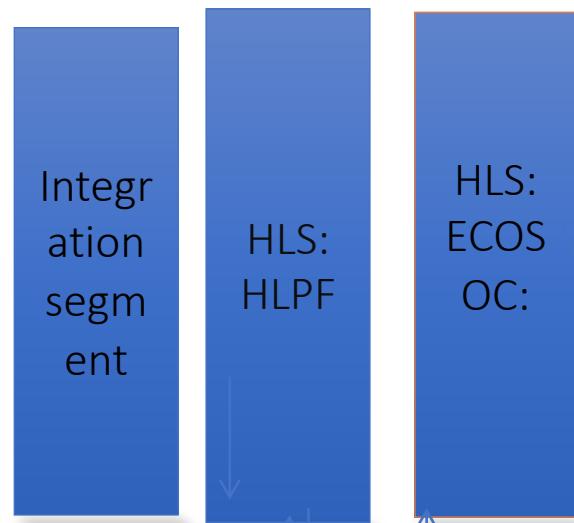
April



May



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Declaration



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Thank you

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