



# 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



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**  
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

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

ECOSOC meetings, forums and segments

Meetings of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies

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

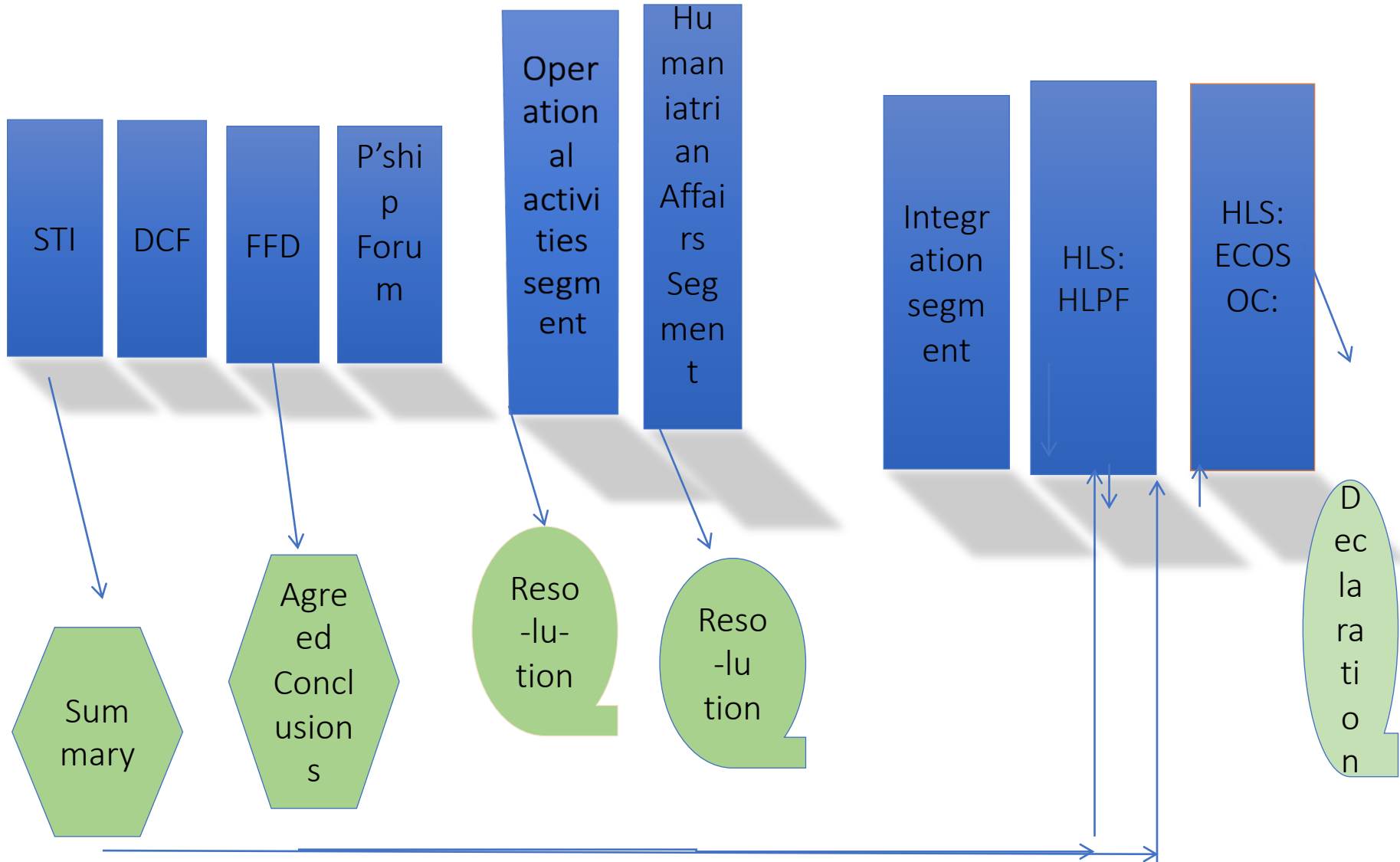
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April

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## Thank you

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