

# Orientation course on ECOSOC

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**ECOSOC's role in coordinating, guiding and  
addressing peace, development and  
humanitarian affairs**

# Peace, security and development



- ECOSOC and Security Council
  - Article 65: ECOSOC may furnish information to the Security Council and shall assist it upon its request.
  - Ad-hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
    - Security Council resolution 1212 (1998)
    - ECOSOC resolution 1999/4, reactivated in 2004 (2004/322)

# ECOSOC



- Ad-hoc Advisory Groups
  - Guinea-Bissau (2002-2008)
  - Burundi (2003-2006)
- African countries emerging from conflict (Agenda item)
  - South Sudan (2011-to date)
  - The Situation in the Sahel (Dec 2019)

# Peace, security and development

- ECOSOC President briefings to Security Council on:
  - Strengthening multilateralism and the role of the UN (2018; 2020); women, peace and security (2011 and 2002); Haiti (2009, 2019); natural resources and conflict (2007); SSR in post-conflict states (2007); the role of civil society in post-conflict peacebuilding (2004); complex crises and the UN responses (2004); role of business in conflict prevention, peacekeeping and post-conflict peacebuilding (2004); the situation in Burundi (2003); the situation in Guinea Bissau (2003); Strengthening cooperation between the UN system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security (2002); the situation in Africa (2002).

# Recent developments

- **2015 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:** “Sustainable development cannot be realized without peace and security; and peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development”.
- **2016 - Review of the peacebuilding architecture:** closer cooperation between ECOSOC and the PBC; centrality of development to sustaining peace.

# ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission

- Mandate: A/RES/60/180, A/RES/61/16, E/RES/2009/32
- Joint Bureaux Meetings and Briefings by the PBC Chair
- Joint Meetings
  - **2010:** MDGs in countries emerging from conflict
  - **2011:** Promoting durable peace and sustainable development in Sudan and South Sudan
  - **2012:** Partnerships for job creation for young people in countries emerging from conflict
  - **2016:** 2030 Agenda and Sustaining Peace
  - **2017:** The situation in the Sahel region
  - **2018:** Linkages between Climate Change and Challenges to Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in the Sahel
  - **2019:** The Impact of Cross-border Transhumance on Sustainable Peace and Development in West Africa and the Sahel
  - 2020: Fostering global solidarity and conflict sensitive responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and its socio-economic impacts

# ECOSOC and emergencies

- **Global public health emergencies**
  - SARS (2003), avian flu (2005), Ebola (2014), Zika virus (2016)
- **Economic-related emergencies**
  - food crises in Africa (2005), the global food crisis (2008, 2012)
- **Natural disasters/events**
  - Floods in Mozambique (2000), Tsunami in the Indian Ocean (2004), earthquake in Haiti (2010), Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines (2013), El Nino Phenomenon (2016), hurricanes in the Caribbean (2017) and follow up meeting (2018), cyclone Idai in 2019 and the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.



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