



ECOSOC

United Nations Economic and Social Council

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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:

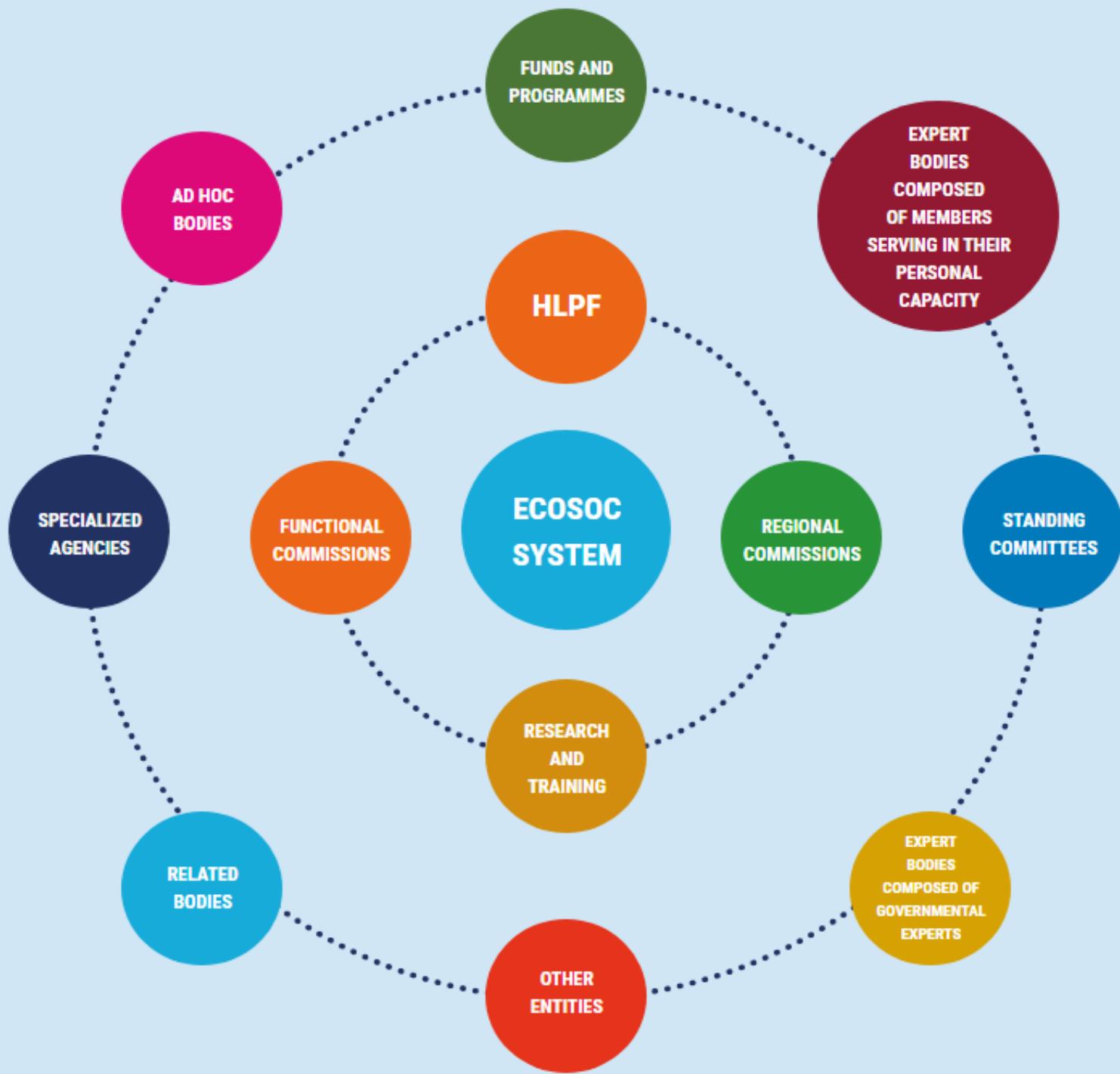
- a.** higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development;
- b.** solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation; and
- c.** universal respect for, and observance 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)

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 - (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 \(CCPCJ\)](#)

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The United Nations System

PRINCIPAL ORGANS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECURITY COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL⁶

Subsidiary Organs

- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Main committees
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

- UNDP** United Nations Development Programme
 - **UNCDF** United Nations Capital Development Fund
 - **UNV** United Nations Volunteers
- UNEP**⁸ United Nations Environment Programme
- UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund
- UN-HABITAT**⁹ United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP** World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Research and Training

- UNIDIR** United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
- UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- UNSSC** United Nations System Staff College
- UNU** United Nations University

Other Entities

- ITC** International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)
- UNCTAD**¹⁰ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- UNHCR**¹ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNOPS**¹ United Nations Office for Project Services
- UNRWA**¹ United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- UN-WOMEN**¹ United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

HLPF

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Peacebuilding Commission

Specialized Agencies^{1,5}

- FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization
- IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ILO** International Labour Organization
- IMF** International Monetary Fund
- IMO** International Maritime Organization
- ITU** International Telecommunication Union
- UNESCO** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- UNWTO** World Tourism Organization
- UPU** Universal Postal Union
- WHO** World Health Organization
- WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization
- WMO** World Meteorological Organization
- WORLD BANK GROUP⁷**
 - **IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - **IDA** International Development Association
 - **IFC** International Finance Corporation

Notes:

1 Member of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).

2 The United Nations Office for Partnerships is the focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.

3 IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA).

4 WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, *inter alia*, finance and development issues.

5 Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (intergovernmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).

6 The Trusteeship Council suspended operations on 1 November 1994, as Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent on 1 October 1994.

7 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.

8 The secretariats of these organs are part of the United Nations Secretariat.

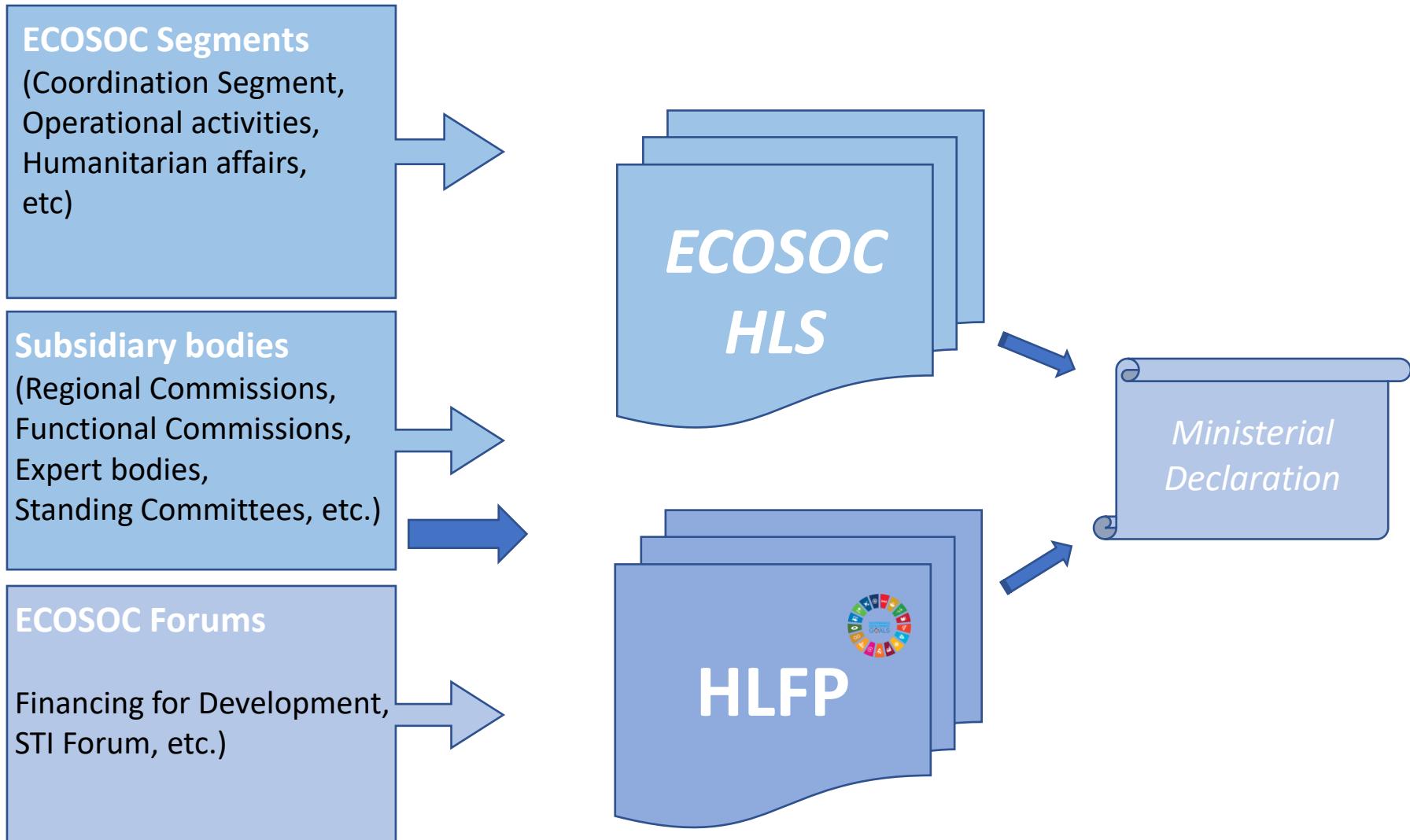
9 The Secretariat also includes the following offices: the Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.

10 For a complete list of ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies see un.org/ecosoc.

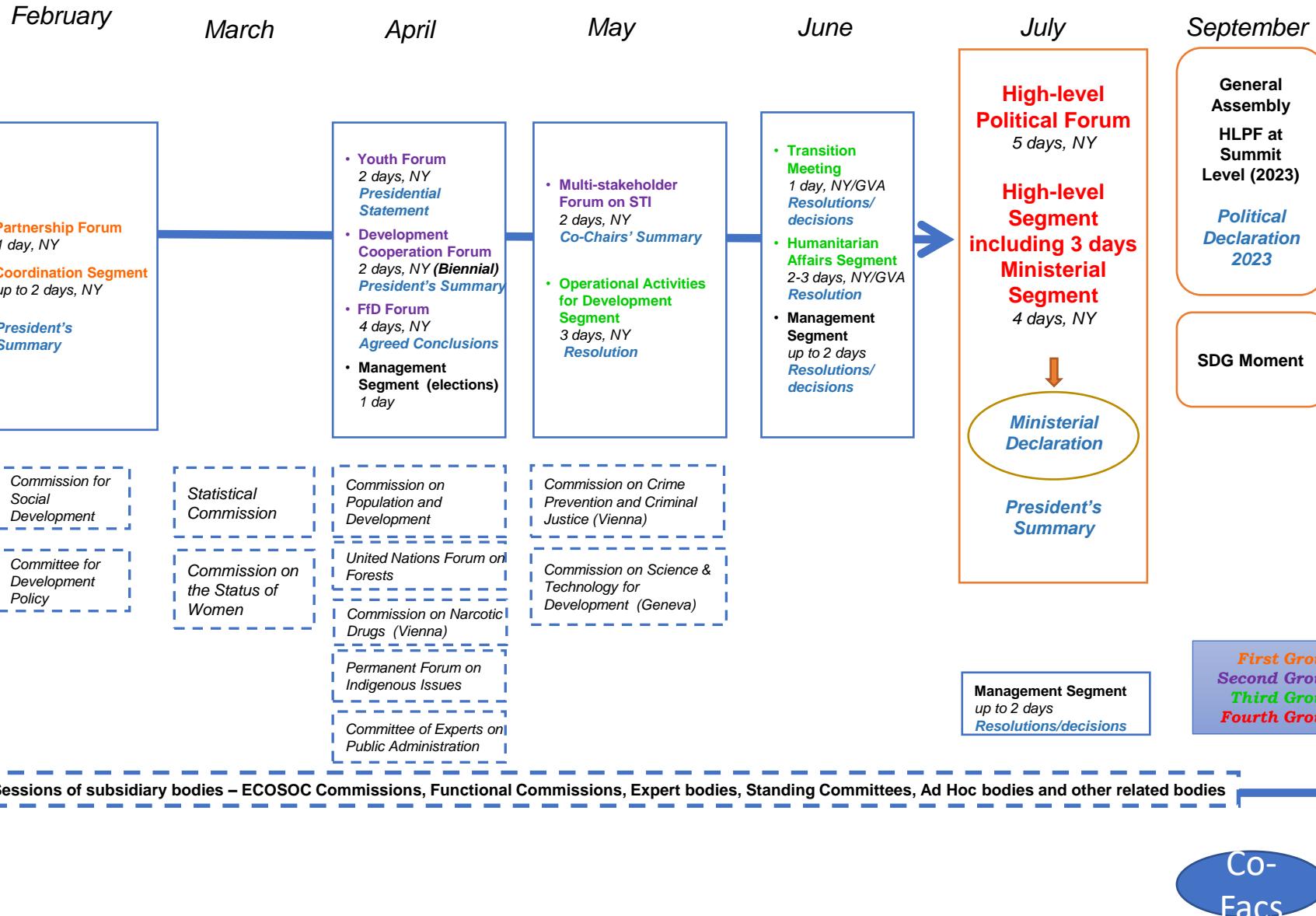
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ECOSOC/HLPF Annual theme

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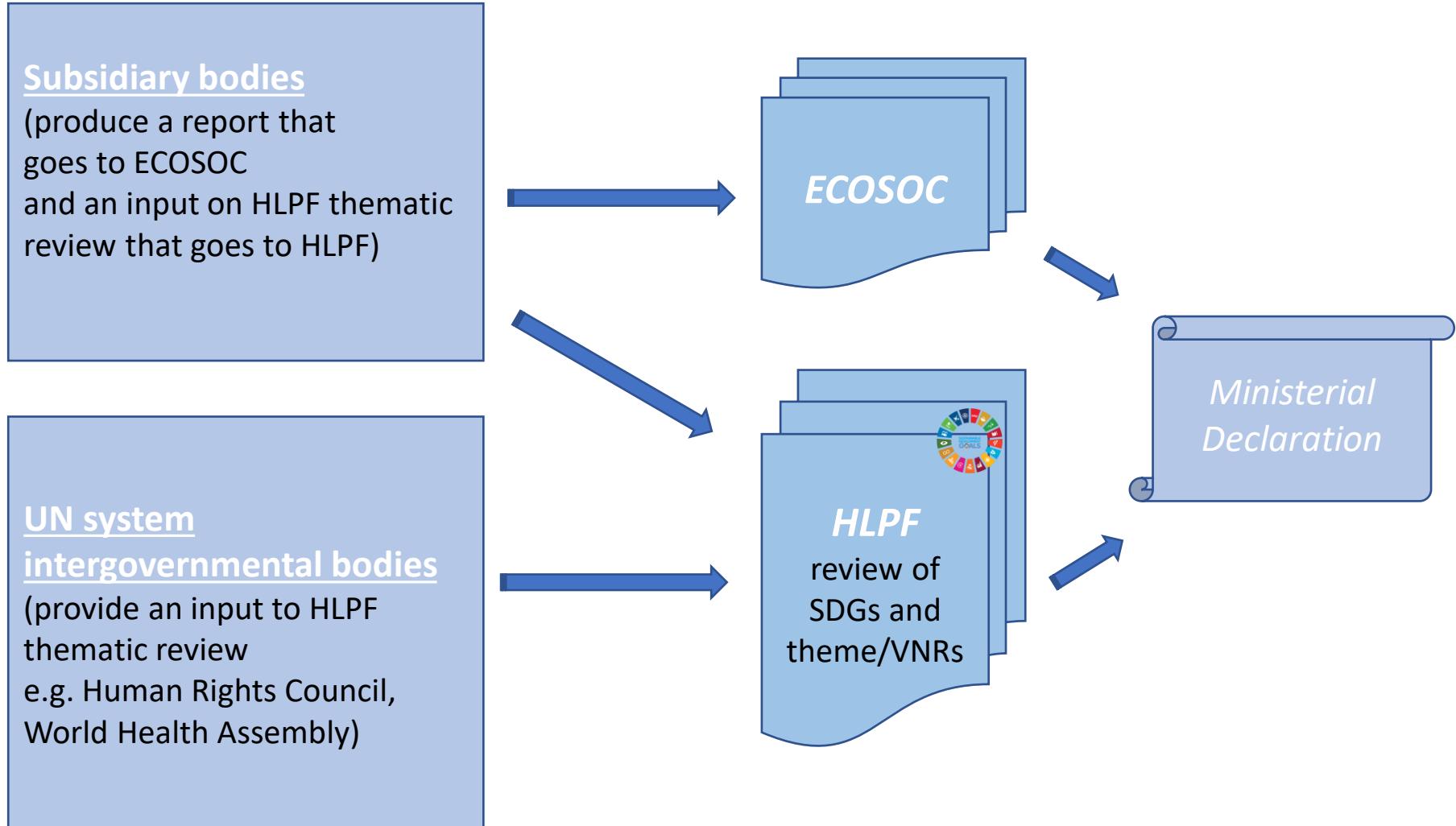


ECOSOC / HLPF Timeline

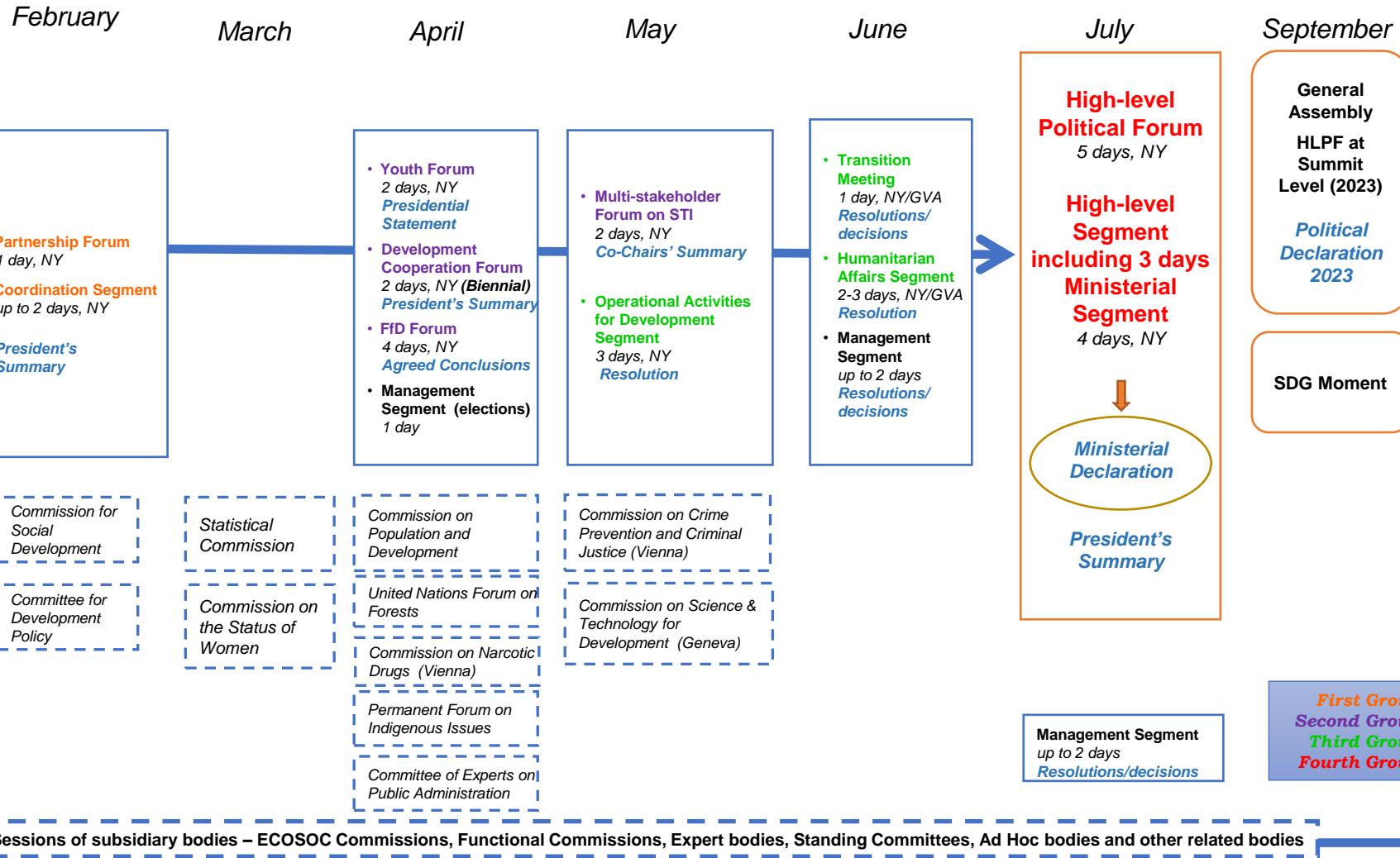


Contributions to HLPF thematic review

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