



**Leveraging ECOSOC for an inclusive and resilient recovery
guided by the 2030 Agenda**

3-4 February 2022, General Assembly Hall

Programme

Thursday, 3 February 2022	
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10:00 – 10:15	Opening ▪ H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of the Economic and Social Council [Statement] ▪ H.E. Mr. Suriya Chindawongse (Thailand), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council and Chair of the Coordination Segment ▪ H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations [Statement, video]
Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as well as reflections on the main theme of the 2022 session “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”	
10:15 – 11:30	1. People-centered and inclusive recovery from the pandemic, including through strengthening social protection Focus: Looking at how the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies, as well as the United Nations system entities, including specialized agencies, are supporting people-centered and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines, eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities, and strengthening social protection and health systems, including universal health coverage. ▪ Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) ▪ Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) ▪ H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN and Chair of the Commission for Social Development at its 60th session Interventions by Member States
11:30 – 13:00	2. Protecting the planet Focus: Addressing challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, including pollution in COVID-19 recovery efforts, as well as ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, towards a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive recovery. ▪ Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (video message) ▪ Mr. Stephan Sicars, Managing Director, Environment and Energy Directorate, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)





	▪ H.E. Ms. Miriam Mac Intosh, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, and International Cooperation of Suriname and Chair-designate of the 17th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) ▪ H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women at its 66th Session Interventions by Member States
15:00 – 16:20	3. Pathways for a resilient and inclusive economic recovery Focus: Measures needed to ensure that recovery efforts, including stimulus packages, promote a sustainable and inclusive recovery of economies, create conditions for decent work for all, equality, including gender equality, reduce risks and build resilience to future shocks, increase productive capacity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation as well as investments in the SDGs. ▪ Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ▪ Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ▪ Mr. Bo Li, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) ▪ Ms. Gabriella Vukovich, President of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office and Vice-Chair of the Statistical Commission at its 52nd session Interventions by Member States
16:20 - 17:40	4. Harnessing science, technology, and innovation, including digital technologies Focus: Examine the role of UN system, including the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies, in promoting the use of science, technology and innovation, digital technologies, and the internet to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for an inclusive recovery, strengthening innovative data solutions for effective evidence-based policy making, and closing the digital divide. • Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • Ms. Catherine M. Russell, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) ▪ Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, General Manager for International Affairs of the Communications and Information Technology Commission of Saudi Arabia and Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its 25th session ▪ H.E. Mr. Takeshi Hikiyara, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN in Vienna, Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) at its 31st session Interventions by Member States
17:40 – 18:00	Summary of Discussions of Day 1





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10:00 – 10:30

Leveraging regional perspectives for an inclusive and resilient recovery guided by the 2030 Agenda

In relation to the 2022 ECOSOC and HLPF theme, the regional commissions could kick-off the discussions on the main theme of ECOSOC and HLPF by providing a preview of what is coming up at the regional forums on sustainable development. The panel would highlight regional perspectives and innovations on integrated approaches to SDGs implementation for an inclusive recovery from the pandemic. ([video](#))

- [Ms. Olga Algayerova](#), Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Ms. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) [[English](#), [Spanish](#)]

10:30 – 11:10

Presentations by ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies

The Chairs of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies will present the work of their respective bodies, contributions, and plans towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and recovery from the pandemic, in a [joint video presentation](#). The presentation will also include a brief overview of the subsidiary bodies' upcoming sessions and their collaboration with other subsidiary bodies and UN entities. The Chairs will then engage in a live, interactive exchange with Member States, the Bureau of the Council, Chairs and bureaux of other subsidiary bodies and Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions in the session on "*Reflections on the work of ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies*".

- [Ms. Gabriella Vukovich](#), President of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office and Vice-Chair of the Statistical Commission at its 52nd session
- [H.E. Ambassador Enrique A. Manalo](#), Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on Population and Development at its 55th session
- H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission for Social Development at its 60th session [[English](#), [Spanish](#)]
- [H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini](#), Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations and Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women at its 66th Session



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- [H.E. Mr. Ghislain D’Hoop](#), Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations in Vienna and Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 65th session
- [H.E. Mr. Takeshi Hikiyama](#), Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in Vienna and Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its 31st session
- [Mr. Peter Major](#), Advisor to the Ministry for Technology and Innovation, Hungary, Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its 24th session and Vice-Chair of the Commission at its 25th session, [ppt](#)
- Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi, General Manager for International Affairs of the Communications and Information Technology Commission of Saudi Arabia and Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its 25th session
- [H.E. Ms. Miriam Mac Intosh](#), Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, and International Cooperation of Suriname and Chair-designate of the 17th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- [Ms. Maureen Ruskin](#), Chair of the ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) at its eleventh session
- Ms. Elsa Beatriz Garcia Bojorges, President of the Mexican Financial Standards Board (CINIF) and Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting at its 38th session ([Statement](#))
- [Mr. Pierre Jaillard](#), President of the National Toponymy Commission of France and Chair of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at its 2nd session, [ppt](#)
- Ms. Ingrid Vanden Berghe, Director, National Geographic Institute of Belgium and Co-Chair of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at its 11th session
- [Ms. Paloma Merodio Gómez](#), Vice-President, Subsystem of Geographical Information, Environment, Territorial and Urban Planning, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico and Co-Chair of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at its 11th session
- [Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo](#), Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University and Chair of the Committee for Development Policy at its 23rd session
- [Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi](#), Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University and Chair of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration at its 20th session
- Ms. Liselott Kana, Head of Department of International Taxation, Internal Revenue Service of Chile and Co-Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its 23rd and 24th sessions





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	• Mr. Mathew Gbonjubola, Director, Tax Policy and Advisory Department, Federal Inland Revenue Service of Nigeria and Co-Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its 23rd and 24th sessions • Mr. Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim, Associate Professor of International Law and Organization at Suez Canal and Al-Azhar Universities and Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its 70th and 71st sessions • Ms. Anne Nuorgam, Member of the Saami Parliament of Finland and Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at its 20th session.
11:10 – 13:00	Reflections on the work of ECOSOC Subsidiary Bodies Member States are invited to (i) reflect on the presentations of ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and proposals from the informal note prepared by the Secretariat, and (ii) provide action-oriented and forward-looking policy guidance to ensure coherence and direction in the policies and normative work of subsidiary bodies and UN entities, including specialized agencies, relating to the 2030 Agenda. Reflections by Member States
15:00 – 16:30	Recovery from the pandemic through the lens of SDGs 4, 5, 14, 15 and 17 This session would focus on the 2022 ECOSOC/HLPF theme and explore the topic through the lens of the SDGs under review in 2022, as well as cross-cutting issues. The interlinkages among the SDGs will be emphasized. • Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director-General, FAO • Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO (video message) • Ms. Sima Bahous, Executive Director, UN Women • Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University and Chair of the Committee for Development Policy at its 23rd session Reflections by Member States
16:30 – 16:50	Summary of Discussions and Way Forward
16:50 – 17:00	Closing • Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN-DESA (video message) • H.E. Mr. Suriya Chindawongse (Thailand), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council and Chair of the Coordination Segment

