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INTRODUCTION

The 2026 Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council (2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum), was held on 27 January 2026 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York under the theme “*Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for a sustainable future for all*”.

The Forum placed a special emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that will be reviewed at the 2026 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), namely Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Prepared by UN DESA, this impact report aims to summarize the key activities carried out in the lead up to and during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum to deliver its mandate in line with A/RES/75/290A.



Delivering better is how we rebuild trust in multilateralism and make the SDGs real for every person, in every place. The Partnership Forum is where we test whether our commitment to partnership is real and where we turn good ideas into change that benefit people around the world.

H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa
PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC)

A/RES/75/290 A

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level

15. The partnership forum of the Economic and Social Council will be convened for one day by early February, back-to-back with the coordination segment. The partnership forum will engage countries, the United Nations system, including international financial institutions, as well as international organizations, parliamentarians, local governments, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, civil society, scientists, academia, women, youth and other stakeholders. The partnership forum will be organized in consultation with stakeholders and allow interactive discussions among all stakeholders on the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development. The partnership forum will be focused on the exchange of new ideas, expectations and priorities for the work ahead for the Council cycle and the high-level political forum held under the auspices of the Council. The partnership forum will also discuss forward-looking actions by countries and all relevant stakeholders as well as innovative partnerships that can mobilize commitments and actions to advance the 2030 Agenda.

As requested by the UN General Assembly, the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum was organized in consultation with stakeholders and allowed interactive discussions among all stakeholders on the main theme of the Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

INCLUSIVE APPROACH

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

22 MEMBER MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP ADVISING THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC ON THE SCOPE, FORMAT AND PROGRAMME OF THE 2026 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

SYNTHESIZED VIEWS, EXPERIENCES AND PROPOSALS FROM 149 STAKEHOLDERS FROM 49 COUNTRIES ON VARIOUS PARTNERSHIP ASPECTS TO INFORM THE FORUM

SDG ACTION SEGMENTS

4 ACTION SEGMENTS CO-ORGANIZED BY 6 UN ENTITIES (UN DESA, UN-HABITAT, UNIDO, UNDRR, UN-WATER, UN-ENERGY) AND 11 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

IN NUMBERS

9

OFFICIAL
SESSIONS

38

SPEAKERS

5

GOALS IN
FOCUS



41

PLENARY
INTERVENTIONS

33

MEMBER STATES
INTERVENTIONS

8

STAKEHOLDER
INTERVENTIONS

DURING THE PLENARY

25

SIDE
EVENTS

5

IN-PERSON SIDE EVENTS,

13

VIRTUAL SIDE EVENTS

7

OFFSITE SIDE EVENTS

7,249

ACCUMULATED LIVE AND ON-DEMAND VIEWS ON UN WEBTV AS OF 23/02/2026

> 350

SPECIAL EVENT
TICKETS

THE FORUM WAS OPEN TO ANYONE WITH A VALID UN GROUNDS PASS. IN ADDITION, OVER 350 SPECIAL EVENT TICKETS WERE REQUESTED BY STAKEHOLDER WITHOUT UN GROUNDS PASSES TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS.

PREPARATORY PROCESS



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

ADVISING PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC ON THE 2026 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM



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Stakeholder Group

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To ensure inclusive preparations, **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, the President of ECOSOC and the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, has established a temporary, informal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group to assist in the preparations for the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

On 13 November 2025, the inaugural meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group was convened. During the meeting, the President set out his vision for a Forum that strengthens the broader ECOSOC cycle and accelerates delivery on the SDGs. Members offered reflections on how the Forum can generate stronger momentum, broaden engagement, and scale transformative partnerships - particularly in relation to SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17.

On 2 March 2026, the second expert group meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group took place in a virtual format. Opening remarks were delivered by **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, President of ECOSOC, and **ASG Mr. Navid Hanif**. They emphasized that in a context of growing fragmentation, partnerships need to be judged less by declarations and more by delivery, with stronger evidence, clearer accountability, and better follow-up. The Secretariat presented a brief overview of the Forum's preparatory process, participation and outputs, noting broad stakeholder engagement through the online consultation, advisory group inputs, the SDG Action Segments, side events, and strong in-person and online attendance. Reflections from the members of the Advisory Group will help inform follow-up actions and guide future Forum preparations. .



GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

A global online stakeholder consultation was convened from 15 September to 31 October 2025 to solicit written views, experiences, and proposals from all relevant stakeholders to inform the deliberations at the 2026 Partnership Forum.

The consultation has generated **149 responses from 49 countries**, with the majority of responses from Africa (45.6%) and Asia and Pacific (24.2%). 50.6% of the responses came from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), followed by Science & Technological Community (7.8%), Education and Academic Entities (7.8%), Children & Youth (6.5%), Business & Industry (4.5%), among others.

UN DESA has prepared a **Global Online Stakeholder Consultation Summary Report** ahead of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, presenting key messages and policy recommendations from stakeholders emerged from the consultation to inform Forum proceedings.



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| 5 pages | [DOWNLOAD](#)

To help readers digest the information, a short and concise **Key Takeaways** document has been prepared to inform the 2026 Partnership Forum, as well as an **Extract on Potential Improvements to the Arrangements of the Partnership Forum** to inform the HLPF/ECOSOC review during the 80th session of the General Assembly.



PARTNERSHIP SNAPSHOT

As part of the preparations for the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and its SDG Action Segments, the **Partnership Snapshot** has been developed with the purpose to provide a concise and informative overview of various partnerships, with the aim of inspiring governments and stakeholders to actively engage in collaborations that advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SDGs

The below summarizes how the partnerships featured contribute to the SDGs under review by the HLPF in 2026 – Goal 6, Goal 7, Goal 9, Goal 11 and Goal 17.



Partnerships contributing to SDG 6 demonstrate that sustainable water and sanitation outcomes depend on inclusive governance, integrated planning, and community engagement. Initiatives addressing Indigenous peoples' water management, community feedback mechanisms, participatory planning tools, and informal urban sanitation services show how combining technical analysis with local knowledge improves access, legitimacy, and service quality.



SDG 7 partnerships illustrate how coordinated policy dialogue, investment platforms, and capacity-building can accelerate the energy transition. By aligning public and private actors, mobilizing large-scale finance, and embedding human-rights safeguards, these initiatives support universal access to clean energy while advancing a just and inclusive transition.



Contributions to SDG 9 highlight the importance of skills development, institutional capacity, and innovation ecosystems for resilient infrastructure and sustainable industrialization. Partnerships linking industry, governments, and training institutions strengthen workforce readiness, modernize systems, and promote responsible value chains. Public-private development partnerships emerge as effective models for aligning market needs with inclusive growth and long-term economic transformation.



Partnerships advancing SDG 11 underscore the role of cities, territories, and communities as drivers of sustainable development. Locally driven initiatives demonstrate how inclusive governance, access to essential services, and recognition of local livelihoods and knowledge systems reduce inequalities and build resilience.



Across all contributions, SDG 17 acts as a foundational enabler. The examples highlight that effective partnerships require clear governance, shared ownership, pooled financing, and continuous learning. Multi-stakeholder platforms connect policy, finance, knowledge, and implementation across levels, reinforcing trust and collective impact. The initiatives featured also show how coordinated dialogue and consortium-based approaches can strengthen policy alignment and partnership coherence.

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PARTNERSHIPS

12 partnerships are featured in this Snapshot. They bring together diverse stakeholders across sectors and regions and address multiple SDGs under review at the High-level Political Forum in 2026.



SDGs	Partnership (listed alphabetically)	Page
7	Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)	7
6, 7, 11, 17	Akwé (Xerente) Water Security, Social Cartography and Indigenous Knowledge Partnership	8
6, 7, 9, 11, 17	Brazil-UN Fund for Sustainable Development of the Amazon	9
17	Gender for Development Uganda (G4DU)	10
7, 9, 17	German Energy Sector Dialogue	11
7	Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET_pro)	12
6, 11	Integrating Working Donkeys into Urban Waste and Water Systems: Brooke's Urban Equid Partnership	13
9, 17	Learning and Knowledge Development Facility (LKDF)	14
6, 7, 9, 11	Local Social Covenant	15
7, 9, 17	Uganda Policy Dialogue Series on Financing for Development	16
17	United Nations Local2030 Coalition	17
6	WaterAid Community Feedback Mechanisms	18

PROGRAMME

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum was a one-day meeting chaired by the ECOSOC President, featuring the following sessions in its official programme.

Official Programme

■ Trusteeship Council Chamber

■ ECOSOC Chamber

10:00 AM - 10:40 AM ■ OPENING SESSION

10:50 AM - 11:50 AM ■ ACTION SEGMENT FOR **GOAL 6**

■ ACTION SEGMENT FOR **GOAL 9**

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM ■ ACTION SEGMENT FOR **GOAL 7**

■ ACTION SEGMENT FOR **GOAL 11**

03:00 PM - 03:20 PM ■ KEY INSIGHTS FROM SDG ACTION SEGMENTS

03:20 PM - 03:50 PM ■ PANEL ON **GOAL 17**

"Three Voices, One Partnership Journey: Demonstrating the Power of Shared Solutions"

03:50 PM - 05:45 PM ■ PLENARY SESSION

05:45 PM - 06:00 PM ■ CLOSING SESSION



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OPENING SESSION



The Opening Session featured opening remarks by **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, the President of ECOSOC and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, and by **H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations. The Forum also heard keynote addresses from **Ms. Sheila Oparaocha**, Director of ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy (Zambia), and **Ms. Yensi Flores-Bueso**, Member of the Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) for the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) (Honduras). Opening and keynote remarks are available [here](#).



While access to energy does not automatically guarantee prosperity, its absence almost always guarantee poverty.

Dr. Sheila Oparaocha
Director of ENERGIA
International Network on
Gender and Sustainable Energy



We need to remember the premise we started with: without biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, none of our goals can hold. So the first partnership is with nature—and the second is with each other, across borders and across silos, in service of the public good.

Dr. Yensi Flores-Bueso
Member of Secretary-General's
2025-2027 Independent Group
of Scientists (IGS) for the Global
Sustainable Development
Report (GSDR) 2027



Closing these gaps will not happen through statements. It will happen through country-led partnerships that are transparent about who is doing what, financed at scale, and held to results.

Amina Mohammad
Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations

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SDG ACTION SEGMENTS

The Forum featured four **SDG Action Segments** focusing on the Goals to be reviewed at the 2026 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development—Goals 6, 7, 9, and 11. Elements of Goal 17 were integrated across all segments as a cross-cutting enabler. The Segments highlighted how innovative partnerships can accelerate progress, address implementation challenges, and advance the SDGs through collaboration among governments, the private sector, civil society, and international organizations.

The SDG Action Segments were co-organized by relevant UN entities in collaboration with recognized stakeholder networks and major groups nominated through the Major Groups and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism, reflecting the partnership approach they are designed to promote.

The SDG Action Segments aimed to examine enabling conditions for effective multi-stakeholder partnerships, showcase innovative initiatives, ensure inclusive participation, identify opportunities for new collaborations, and highlight synergies across the SDGs.

The following sections of this report feature short summaries of the discussions held during each SDG Action Segment.



ACTION SEGMENT FOR SDG 6

Co-organized by: UN DESA / UN Water, Volunteers Stakeholder Group / HURIFBA (Human Rights and Forest Brain Africa), Women's Major Group / Engajamundo, Major Group for Children and Youth

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



The SDG Action Segment for Goal 6 focused on advancing partnerships to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Discussions emphasized that effective partnerships must be grounded in shared risk and shared accountability to move from commitment to delivery. Participants highlighted the need to better connect existing tools, knowledge, and partnerships across sectors, generations, and levels of governance, noting that capacity remains a decisive constraint, particularly at local and subnational levels and in fragile and displacement-affected contexts. Strengthening institutions, data systems, utilities, and governance frameworks, alongside equipping the next generation of water professionals, was identified as essential. The segment further underscored the importance of inclusive decision-making and the need for clearer frameworks to demonstrate the value of water infrastructure, including links to productivity and synergies between modern and legacy systems.



Ms. Joelle Solowiejczyk, Arcadis & the IWA Young Water Professionals, presenting Key Insights from Action Segment for SDG 6 during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

SDG ACTION SEGMENT FOR GOAL 6

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

10:50 AM - 11:50 AM, 27 JANUARY 2026
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBER, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

ORGANIZED BY
UN DESA / UN WATER, VOLUNTEERS STAKEHOLDER GROUP / HURIFBA
(HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREST BRAIN AFRICA), WOMEN'S MAJOR GROUP /
ENGAJAMUNDO, MAJOR GROUP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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ACTION SEGMENT FOR SDG 7

Co-organized by: UN-Energy and SDG7 Youth Constituency

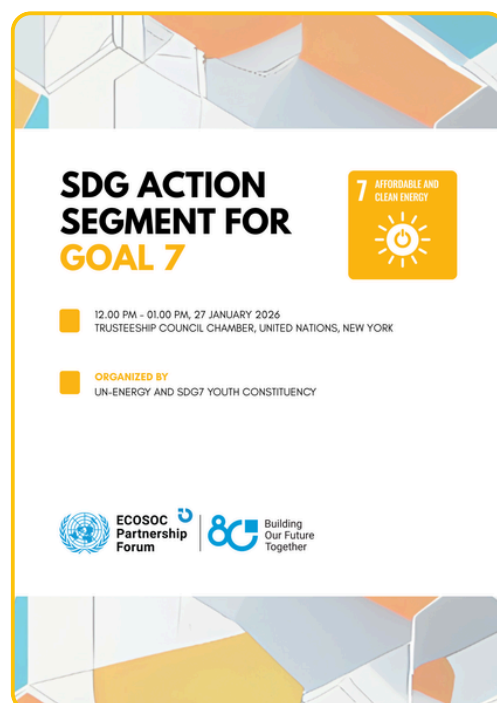
7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



The SDG Action Segment for Goal 7 focused on advancing partnerships to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. The discussion highlighted SDG 7 as a key driver of progress across the 2030 Agenda and climate action, while stressing that achieving its promise requires scaled-up action. Participants noted significant gains in electricity access and clean energy deployment, alongside persistent gaps affecting hundreds of millions without electricity and billions relying on polluting cooking fuels. The segment emphasized that clean energy investment remains uneven due to delivery constraints related to finance, risk perception, and institutional capacity. Discussions underscored the need to strengthen multi-stakeholder and intergenerational partnerships, evolve beyond project-based approaches, and address emerging challenges and opportunities at the intersection of energy and artificial intelligence. The upcoming 2026 review during the HLPF was identified as a key opportunity to assess progress and mobilize action.



Mr. Josh Oxby, Global Focal Point, SDG7 Youth Constituency, presenting Key Insights from Action Segment for SDG 7 during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum



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ACTION SEGMENT FOR SDG 9

Co-organized by: UNIDO, UN DESA, Business and Industry Major Group, NGO Major Group / Hetaved Skills Academy For Innovation And Entrepreneurship, Scientific and Technological Community Major Group / World Federation of Engineering Organizations

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



The SDG Action Segment for Goal 9 focused on advancing inclusive and sustainable industry, innovation, and infrastructure through a coordinated, whole-of-system approach. Discussions underscored that progress requires integrated action across policy, technical assistance, financing and investment, including from the private sector, alongside a strong emphasis on skills development to leverage digitalization and innovation, particularly in developing countries. Participants highlighted that resilient, low-carbon, and inclusive industrial systems supported by integrated infrastructure are essential enablers of progress across sectors and SDGs, especially SDGs 7 and 8. The segment drew attention to persistent structural barriers, including productivity stagnation, skills mismatches, infrastructure gaps, and climate vulnerability, and stressed the need for just transition pathways supported by international cooperation and national and regional strategies. Accountable, inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships were emphasized as critical to translating ambition into implementation.



Ms. Anna Lee, UNA USA and Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) presenting Key Insights from Action Segment for SDG 9 during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

**SDG ACTION
SEGMENT FOR
GOAL 9**

9 INDUSTRY INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

10:50 AM - 11:50 AM, 27 JANUARY 2026
ECOSOC CHAMBER, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

ORGANIZED BY
UNIDO, UN DESA, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY MAJOR GROUP, NGO MAJOR
GROUP / HETAVED SKILLS ACADEMY FOR INNOVATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY MAJOR
GROUP / WORLD FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS

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ACTION SEGMENT FOR SDG 11

Co-organized by: UN-Habitat, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UN DESA, Habitat for Humanity, Stakeholder Group on Ageing (Gray Panthers), Local2030 UN Coalition, Local Authorities Major Group (Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments)

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



The SDG Action Segment for Goal 11 focused on advancing inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities and human settlements, underscoring the urgency of action as progress remains critically off track and the global housing crisis affects nearly 3 billion people. Discussions emphasized that adequate, safe, and affordable housing is not only central to SDG 11 but a foundation for resilience, climate action, health, gender equality, and economic inclusion, and must be recognized as both a human right and a driver of development. Participants highlighted the central role of local and regional governments and the need to strengthen their authority, capacity, and financing, including through innovative financing approaches and stronger local public finance systems. The segment underscored that effective delivery depends on inclusive, participatory multi-stakeholder partnerships centered on care, justice, and inclusion, and noted that while scalable solutions exist, the key challenges lie in replication, learning, accountability, and long-term partnership alignment.



Mr. Remy Sietchiping, UN-Habitat presenting Key Insights from Action Segment for SDG 11 during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

SDG ACTION SEGMENT FOR GOAL 11

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM, 27 JANUARY 2026
ECOSOC CHAMBER, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

ORGANIZED BY
UN-HABITAT, UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, UN-DESA, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AGEING (GRAY PANTHERS), LOCAL2030 UN COALITION, LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAJOR GROUP (GLOBAL TASKFORCE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS)

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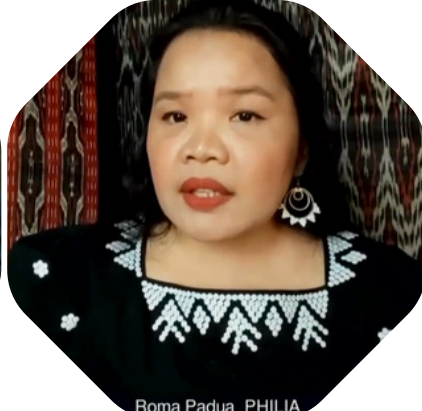
PANEL ON SDG 17

Three Voices, One Partnership Journey: Demonstrating the Power of Shared Solutions

17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



A story-driven Panel on SDG 17 “Three Voices, One Partnership Journey: Demonstrating the Power of Shared Solutions” was featured, spotlighting innovative partnership models advancing SDG 17 – from multi-stakeholder collaboration focused on tackling water scarcity in agri-food systems, to capacity-building approaches that strengthen micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and social cohesion, to innovative diaspora finance that addresses structural barriers and aligns existing flows with SDG priorities.



H.E. Mr. Mohamed Fathi Edrees, Permanent Observer of the African Union (AU) to the United Nations (right); **Ms. Roma Padua**, Chief Business Innovator and President & Co-Founder, PHILIA Ventures Inc. (middle), and **Mr. Máximo Torero**, Chief Economist of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (left) addressing the Panel on SDG 17 “Three Voices, One Partnership Journey: Demonstrating the Power of Shared Solutions” during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum

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PLENARY SESSION

The plenary session provided space for Member States and stakeholders to share priorities, policy insights and forward-looking actions for the ECOSOC cycle and the HLPF, and to share perspectives on strengthening the Forum and ECOSOC's contribution to meaningful partnerships, in the context of the upcoming review of ECOSOC and the HLPF, alongside Member States' consideration of the UN 80 Initiative during the 80th session of the General Assembly. Contributions were heard from **33 Member States and 8 stakeholders**. Stakeholders were identified through an open call shared with NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC which generated **110 submissions**.

A compilation of available statements is posted [here](#).

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CLOSING SESSION

The Plenary Session was followed by a [Closing Session](#), featuring closing remarks by **Mr. Navid Hanif**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development from UN DESA (on behalf of Under Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Li Junhua) and by **H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa**, President of ECOSOC. Their remarks reflected the key outcomes of the Forum and the way forward in advancing partnerships for sustainable development. Closing remarks are available [here](#).

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SIDE EVENTS

Side Events Programme



IN-PERSON SIDE EVENTS AT UNHQ

27 January 2026, 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM (EST)



OFF-SITE & VIRTUAL SIDE EVENTS

26 January & 27 January 2026



In parallel to the main programme of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, 25 side events were organized by Member States, UN entities, relevant International Organizations and stakeholder networks, which spotlighted multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovative initiatives to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. More information on side events, including all the summaries of side events, can be found [here](#).

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Side Event "Evaluating Our Common Framework from the Local Perspective: Time to Ask the Questions", co-organized by UCLG (Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments), UN Local 2030 Coalition, Mexico and the Kingdom of Morocco during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum on 27 January, UNHQ New York, CR 8 (Photo Credit: UN DESA)



Side Event "*Accelerate Financing for Agrifood Systems Transformation*", co-organized by FAO, Dominican Republic and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum on 27 January, UNHQ New York CR11 (Photo Credit: UN DESA)



Side Event "*Digital Tax and Banking Services for SMEs as a Tool for Domestic Resource Mobilization*", co-organized by Russian Federation during the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum on 27 January, UNHQ New York CR12 (Photo Credit: UN DESA)

OUTCOME

JOINT SUMMARY OF THE 2026 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM AND THE 2026 COORDINATION SEGMENT

Supported by UN DESA as the Secretariat and in consultation with the Bureau of the Council, the President of ECOSOC prepares a non-negotiated factual summary to reflect discussions during the Partnership Forum and the Coordination Segment (paragraph 22, Resolution [A/RES/75/290A](#)), which will inform upcoming forums and segments during the ECOSOC cycle, especially the HLPF.

[Click here](#) to read the Joint Summary of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum and the 2026 Coordination Segment

INFORMAL NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC

Shortly after the conclusion of the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, President of ECOSOC H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa shared his personal reflections in an Informal Note.

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COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Outreach efforts highlighted the Forum's key messages and outcomes, engaging diverse audiences through web stories, social media and high-level interviews to reinforce the role of partnerships in advancing sustainable development.

FORUM WEBSITE AND MAILING LISTS

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum website has been the one-stop-shop for all official communication and outreach for the Forum. Relevant announcements have also been communicated through ECOSOC Place to Member States delegations and through the stakeholder mailing lists to interested stakeholders.

FORUM WEBSITE →

STAKEHOLDER MAILING LIST →

PRE-FORUM

DESA Voice Interview with ECOSOC President - "Delivery better through partnerships"

Media Advisory | Governments and key partners to gather at ECOSOC to advance innovative and transformative actions for a sustainable future

The Partnership Forum's visibility was enhanced by digital posters at UNHQ in New York and through outreach efforts on social media in connection with the preparatory process of the Forum, such as the Global Online Stakeholder Consultation, call for side events, call for stakeholder interventions, and so on.

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum Trello was made public two weeks ahead of the Forum with communication assets for UN system entities, participants, and side event organizers to further amplify social media outreach.



DURING THE FORUM

The 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum was live-streamed on UN WEBTV and is available as on-demand videos after the Forum. As of 23/02/2026, it has generated **7,249 accumulated live and on-demand views**.

A brochure has been distributed to inform Forum participants with essential information.

UN Press Coverage | With Five Years Left, 2030 Agenda Demands Joint Speed, Scale, Focus on Results, Speakers Stress, as Partnership Forum Opens to Calls for Maximizing Impact | ECOSOC/7220 | 27 January 2026

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Live social media coverage from @SustDev on Facebook and X with amplifications from various UN accounts such as @UNDESA, @UNECOSOC and through #Partnership4SDGs

With appreciation to the PVBLIC Foundation, a pop-up banner and handheld photo props of the Forum logo and official hashtag were made available during the Forum for participant engagement.



POST FORUM

UN DESA website | 30 January 2026 | When partnerships deliver better, the SDGs advance faster

UN DESA LinkedIn post



UN DESA Sustainable Development @SustDev · Jan 26

Ahead of the #ECOSOC2026 #Partnership Forum, a new Partnership Snapshot highlights diverse collaborations advancing the #2030Agenda, with a focus on #SDG6 #SDG7 #SDG9 #SDG11 and cross-cutting #SDG17 #Partnership4SDGs.

More: sdgs.un.org/2026/Partnership4SDGs



UN ECOSOC President @UNECOSOC · Jan 27

"In a time of mounting needs, limited resources, and heightened vulnerability, partnerships are not about expanding ambition alone. They are about maximizing impact. This is our moment to move from dialogue to delivery."

My opening remarks at the 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

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At today's 2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, UN-OHRLS's Chief **Abdoul Salam Bello** joined partners in an important dialogue on advancing SDG7 and partnerships for energy access and clean energy particularly for vulnerable countries : LDCs, ...more



2026 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM

27 January 2026
10:00 am - 6:00 pm EDT
Trusteeship Council Chamber & ECOSOC Chamber

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KEYNOTE

Dr. Sheila Oparaocha
Director of ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy
#Partnership4SDGs



KEYNOTE

Dr. Yensi Flores-Bueso
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2026 GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

SUMMARY REPORT
KEY MESSAGES FROM STAKEHOLDERS TO INFORM THE 2026 ECOSOC PARTNERSHIP FORUM





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Multistakeholder Advisory Group

MULTISTAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP
ADVISING PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC ON THE PREPARATION OF THE 2026 PARTNERSHIP FORUM





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2026 PARTNERSHIP SNAPSHOT

SUMMARY OF 12 PARTNERSHIPS THAT ADVANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA





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ACTION SEGMENTS

Co-designed with key multistakeholder partners

 10:50 AM -11:50 AM & 12:00 PM -1:00 PM
 Trusteeship Council Chamber & ECOSOC Chamber



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SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME

In-Person Side Events
| 27 January 2026
Virtual & Off-Site Side Events
| 26-27 January 2026



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AVAILABLE NOW

JOINT SUMMARY
BY THE PRESIDENT OF ECOSOC
OF 2026 PARTNERSHIP FORUM AND COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

IMPACT REPORT
OF 2026 PARTNERSHIP FORUM



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