As part of the programme of the ECOSOC Youth Forum (19-20 April 2022), virtual side events related to the theme of the Forum, "COVID-19 recovery: Youth taking action for a sustainable future", may be organized to enrich the discussions and promote further engagement in the main activities of the ECOSOC Youth Forum.

Virtual side events will take place on 18 April 2022 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (EDT) as the Forum’s programme will be very demanding and will not leave enough time between formal sessions to properly accommodate side events.

**Thematic Focus:** Proposals for side events will need to address the thematic focus of the 2022 ECOSOC Youth Forum, in particular the review of progress in the areas of quality education (SDG4), gender equality (SDG5), life below water (SDG14), life on land (SDG15) and partnerships (SDG17). These set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been selected by Member States for in-depth discussions at the 2022 High Level Political Forum.

**Organizing entities:** Side events can be organized by Member States, UN entities, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and youth organizations in consultative status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Organizations that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC will need to have a co-sponsor from Member States, UN entities or youth organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC to submit a side event’s proposal.
Co-sponsoring entities should be included in the email that the organizer(s) will send to the UN Secretariat with the side event proposal.

**Promotion and outreach:** Each side event organizer is responsible for choosing their online platform and develop their registration and login process as well as publicize and actively promote their respective side events. All costs incurred in the technical and logistical support for the side event should be covered by the side event organizer.

**Deadlines for submission of proposals:** Side event organizers are requested to submit a short concept note (see template enclosed) to Melody Cruz (cruz@un.org), copying Paul Simon (simonp@un.org) and Amadea Reschke (amadea.reschke@un.org), not later than **18 March 2021**. A selection committee will review the proposals for side events and will begin notifying those organizers whose proposals have been accepted beginning on **25 March 2022**.

Please find the [link](https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2022/youth-forum) to the template when submitting your side event proposal.

Those accepted proposals will be listed in the programme of side events of the Forum at: [https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2022/youth-forum](https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2022/youth-forum)

**Branding of side events:** Please be advised that branding of side events with entities’ logos in the concept note is permitted. However, the ECOSOC Youth Forum and the Youth2030 logos reflected in the template should remain dominant in substantive and promotion materials. This is important in order to harmonize the visual identity of the side events with the Forum.

**How to get the most from your side-event:**

- Partner with Governments, UN agencies and civil society organizations.
- Provide detailed information about your side event to your registered participants as well as UNDESA so that your event could be posted on the 2022 ECOSOC Youth Forum’s website.
- Network with organizations and other NGOs as well as delegates to amplify the number of participants to your event.
- Promote and publicize your side event in online platforms, social media and through youth networks well in advance.