



ECOSOC NEWS

Inga Rhonda King, President

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Upcoming Meetings

- ❖ ECOSOC will hold a **special briefing on the recent visit of the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group (AHAG) on Haiti on 13 June**. Members of the Council will hear a presentation from H.E. Mr. Marc-Andre Blanchard, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and Chairman of the AHAG. The briefing takes place against the backdrop of the transition from a peacekeeping mission to a special political mission and in the context of economic and political uncertainty.
- ❖ The **July HLPF**, which will take place on 9-18 July 2019 under the auspices of ECOSOC, will address the theme “*Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*”. Forty-seven countries, both developed and developing, will present their **Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)**— sharing their national experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learnt, in implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.
- ❖ The **Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS) of ECOSOC will take place in Geneva on 24-25 June 2019**. The theme for the HAS is “Promoting action to save lives, reach those in need and reduce humanitarian risk, vulnerability and need: looking towards the seventieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the climate summit called for by the Secretary-General”. The HAS provides a key opportunity for Member States, the United Nations system, development actors, the private sector and other humanitarian partners to discuss emerging and pressing humanitarian issues.
- ❖ In line with the redefined mandate of the Integration Segment (A/RES/72/305), the **2019 Integration Segment** will be held for one day immediately before the high-level political forum (HLPF) on 8 July 2019. The Integration Segment will be chaired by His Excellency Ambassador Valentin Rybakov, Vice-President of ECOSOC (Belarus). The theme of the Segment will be “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” in line with the theme of ECOSOC and HLPF.

The Segment will bring together the key messages from the ECOSOC system as well as integrate inputs from Member States, UN system and key stakeholders on the theme to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. The Council will bring the UN system’s analysis and policy proposals to the forefront to enrich its work and to contribute to the HLPF thematic review. The annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB) for Coordination will also be presented during the Integration Segment.

Past Events



ECOSOC President H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King delivers her statement at the UN event commemorating the World Environment day

On 4 June 2019, the United Nations celebrated its #WorldEnvironmentDay. Celebrated in over 100 countries, it is the United Nations day for encouraging international awareness and action to protect the environment.

The ECOSOC President H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King participated in the [UN event commemorating the World Environment day](#).

The theme for 2019 was on #BeatAirPollution, calling on governments, industry, communities and individuals to take action to explore renewable energy and green technologies, and improve the air quality in cities and regions across the world. As the host of World Environment Day 2019, China organized

various events across the country, culminating in the official event in the eastern city of Hangzhou.

The ECOSOC President alarmed by the global issue of air pollution reiterated the importance of eliminating the dangerous pollutants that cost lives and weaken our planet's life systems every day. She said that our solutions must be global, collective and sustainable. "Many have already made a start and the positive results show that, together, we have the power to clear the air and secure a better future for ourselves, our children and our planet".



ECOSOC President H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King speaks at the India-UN Development Partnership Fund

The [India-UN Development Partnership Fund](#) commemorated its second anniversary at the UN Headquarters in New York on 6 June 2019.

Created in June 2017, the India-UN Development Partnership Fund is a dedicated facility within the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation. It is supported by the Government of India, managed by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and implemented in collaboration with the United Nations system. Since its creation, the Fund currently manages a portfolio of 36 development projects, approved in partnership with nine United Nations agencies in 37 countries.

The ECOSOC President H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King participated in the commemoration and she stressed that "Countries and actors of the global South must be bolder in sharing their experiences and evidence on development cooperation, and the global North bolder in learning from and integrating the experience of the global South into their practices".



ECOSOC Vice-President Mona Juul speaking at the Management Meeting of ECOSOC.

During its [Management Meeting \(MM\)](#) on 6-7 June, ECOSOC considered reports on issues ranging from statistics, sustainable development, environment, food security and nutrition, financing for development, Least Developed Countries, women and development, social development, non-governmental organizations, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, refugees and human rights. The meeting was chaired by ECOSOC Vice-President, H.E. Ms. Mona Juul. The Council adopted 12 resolutions and 9 draft decisions. For more information, visit the link of the [Highlights from the reports of the Commission on the Status of Women, Commission for Social Development, Statistical Commission, Committee for Development Policy, and Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, and the Statements delivered during the Management Meeting.](#)



The Chairman of the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group H.E. Marc-André Blanchard speaks to the press at UN Headquarters.

H.E. Mr. Marc-André Blanchard, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and Chairman of the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group (AHAG) on Haiti, [briefed](#) the press on 7 June on the recent visit of the AHAG to Haiti on 22-24 May 2019.

Ambassador Blanchard elaborated on the deteriorating socio-economic situation of the country. He stressed that the Special Political Mission which will replace MINUJUSTH in October 2019, should have a strong mandate and capacity to address the current challenges faced by the country.