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Mr. Liu Zhenmin

Under-Secretary-General

Mr. Liu Zhenmin was appointed as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs effective 26 July 2017. In his position, Mr. Liu guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He also oversees the substantive services to many intergovernmental processes, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the annual meetings of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including its Development Cooperation Forum, and the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC.

In addition to intergovernmental processes, Mr. Liu oversees UN DESA's policy analysis and capacity-development work. He also serves as the Convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development. In addition, the Secretary-General has designated Mr. Liu to lead preparations for a number of forthcoming development-focused global conferences, including the Ocean Conference, the Second Global Sustainable Transport Conference, and the High-Level Dialogue on Energy.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Liu had been the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China since 2013. Among his various diplomatic assignments, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland, from 2011 to 2013.

Mr. Liu brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service, with a strong focus on bilateral, regional and global issues. For 10 years, he was deeply involved in climate change negotiations including the conclusion of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. During his tenure as USG, he has consistently advocated for strengthening multilateral approaches to sustainable development issues.

Mr. Liu holds a Master of Laws from the Law School of Peking University.



Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano

Assistant Secretary-General

Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano was appointed as the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, effective 20 December 2018.

Ms. Spatolisano has 33 years of experience in public service including extensive senior leadership in multilateral affairs. Prior to her appointment she was responsible for international organizations and development dialogue with other donors in the European Commission's Directorate General for Development Cooperation. In that capacity, she ensured the European Union's presence and developed its positions on development policy in a number of international forums, including the United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Group of Seven and the Group of Twenty, where she represented the bloc in its Development Working Group.

Ms. Spatolisano served as the European Union Ambassador to OECD, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Monaco and Andorra.

She was also a member of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations, serving as the Head of its Economic and Trade Section. She covered all issues related to trade, development and environmental policies in the Second Committee (Economic and Financial) and in the Economic and Social Council, also serving as the European Commission representative to the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary).

Prior to that role she served in the Washington Delegation of the European Commission and was the representative of the European Commission to the Trade and Development Committee of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Ms. Spatolisano holds a Doctorate in Law (cum laude) from Florence University. She went on to research and teach at the Florence University Law School for seven years.



Mr. Elliott C. Harris

Assistant Secretary-General

Chief Economist

Officer-in-Charge, Economic Analysis and Policy Division

Mr. Elliott Harris was appointed as the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, effective 2 April 2018.

Mr. Harris brings over 25 years of international experience in the fields of international economics and development policy analysis, coupled with knowledge of the United Nations system, multilateral and inter-agency coordination processes. He has extensive experience in the design of macroeconomic policies and their application as a central instrument for the reduction of poverty and for resilient and sustained economic development. His work in the field of economics also focuses on the macroeconomic linkages with global social and environmental policies.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Harris served as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) from 2015. He joined UNEP's Senior Management Team in 2013 as Director of the New York Office and Secretary to the Environment Management Group.

Prior to joining UNEP, Mr. Harris began his career in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1988, where he worked in the African Department and the Fiscal Affairs Department. In 2002 he became an Adviser in the Policy Development and Review Department and was appointed in 2008 as Special Representative to the United Nations, in addition to serving as Assistant Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department.

Mr. Harris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in German and political science and an advanced degree in economics. He was awarded an Advanced Studies Certificate in international economics and policy research from the Institute of World Economics in Kiel, Germany.



Ms. Marion Barthélemy

Director, Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development

Prior to her current appointment, Ms. Barthélemy was Director of the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government from 2016 to 2018. From 2012 to 2016, she served as Chief of the Intergovernmental Support Branch in the Division for Sustainable Development. In this capacity, she was part of the team supporting the negotiations on the 2030 Agenda.

From 2007 to 2012, she served as Chief of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch in the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development where she supported the Development Cooperation Forum and the General Assembly's review of UN system country-level activities (QCPR).

From 2000 to 2005, she served in the Office of two Under-Secretary-Generals for Economic and Social Affairs, supported the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and served as Special Assistant to the UN Deputy Secretary-General.

At the beginning of her career, she worked as an economist in the Division for the Advancement of Women in UN DESA and later in the UN Drug Control Programme, working with the Secretary of the International Narcotics Board. She joined the UN in 1987 through the National Competitive Exam for economists and studied in the Paris Institute of Political Studies in Paris, with a focus on macroeconomic and social policies.



Ms. Daniela Bas

Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development

Ms. Daniela Bas specializes in international politics, human rights and social development. Prior to her current appointment, she served as Senior Consultant on human rights for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She advised the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on anti-discrimination issues.

Ms. Bas has worked for close to 10 years for the UN as a Professional Officer in social development and human rights. She served as Special Adviser on Fundamental Rights for the former Vice President of the European Commission; and as the Italian representative designated by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers on the topic "Tourism for All" to the European Commission.

Ms. Bas is a Board Member of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights and of the Committee to Promote non-Armed and non-Violent Civil Defence of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. She graduated in Political Science in 1985, with a major in International Politics and wrote her dissertation on The elimination of architectural barriers and the employment of people with physical disabilities. She has also worked as a journalist and broadcaster for Italian Radio and TV.

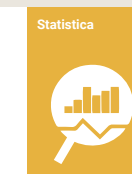


Mr. Alexander Trepelkov

Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals
Officer-in-Charge, Secretariat of the UN Forum on Forests

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov leads the work of the global secretariat for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on providing substantive support, integrated policy analysis, building multi-stakeholder partnerships and capacity-development in the thematic areas such as natural resources, water, energy, climate, ocean, transport, science and technology, as well as special concerns of small island developing States (SIDS). He is also in charge of the UN Forum on Forests Secretariat as the focal point for intergovernmental support, policy analysis and capacity development on all issues related to sustainable forest management and forest financing.

In 2010-2018, Mr. Trepelkov was Director of the Financing for Development Office, with primary responsibility for substantive support, promoting policy coherence and multi-stakeholder engagement at all levels in public and private resource mobilization, international development cooperation and trade, debt sustainability and international financial system for development. His previous work in UN DESA was in the areas of macro- and micro-economic and social policy analysis and public administration and finance. Prior to joining the UN Secretariat in 1989, Mr. Trepelkov was employed for 12 years in the Russian diplomatic service. He holds a PhD in International Economics from MGIMO-University in Moscow and has authored several publications.



Mr. Stefan Schweinfest

Director, Statistics Division

Mr. Schweinfest joined the Statistics Division in 1989 and has served as the substantive secretary of two intergovernmental bodies, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) since 2002, and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UNGGIM) since 2011.

Mr. Schweinfest supported the work of the Statistical Commission and its Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) to develop the global indicator framework to monitor progress towards the SDGs. Under his leadership, the Statistics Division works on implementing this framework and ensuring countries receive capacity-building support to monitor progress towards the SDGs.

He played a key role in the negotiations leading to the 2011 ECOSOC resolution to establish UN-GGIM and has actively involved himself with global geospatial information management since, including the negotiations leading to a second ECOSOC resolution in 2016 that strengthens and broadens the mandate of this Committee of Experts.

He studied Mathematical Economics at the Universities of Wuerzburg and Bonn in Germany. He holds a Diplome D'Etudes Approfondies (Masters equivalent) from the University of Paris in these fields. He also conducted postgraduate research at the London School of Economics.



Mr. John Wilmoth

Director, Population Division

Prior to his appointment as the Director of the Population Division, Mr. Wilmoth served as Professor in the Department of Demography of the University of California at Berkeley. He also served in the Population Division as Chief of the Mortality Section from 2005 to 2007.

Mr. Wilmoth oversees the Department's support to the Commission on Population and Development and to intergovernmental discussions on international migration, including for the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Under his leadership, the Population Division continues to upgrade its production of internationally comparable population data, which are essential inputs to the global monitoring of progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Wilmoth served as a consultant to the World Health Organization and the World Bank from 2009 to 2012, leading the development of new global estimates of maternal mortality. He is a member of the Population Association of America and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. He also serves on the editorial boards of some leading demographic journals including Demographic Research and the European Journal of Population.

Mr. Wilmoth is the author or co-author of more than 50 scientific papers examining various aspects of population dynamics and population issues, including the causes of the historical decline of human mortality, prospects for future trends in life expectancy, the impact of population ageing on public pension and healthcare systems, popular perceptions of population growth and its consequences, and methodologies for estimating and projecting demographic trends.



Mr. Juwang Zhu

Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government

Mr. Juwang Zhu leads the Division in promoting inclusive, effective, accountable institutions that are well equipped to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 16.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Zhu served as Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of UN DESA from 2008 to 2013. In that capacity he advised the Under-Secretary-General on policy and management issues and coordinated the Department's substantive advice to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General on development issues and on the restructuring of UN DESA's capacity-building programme.

Mr. Zhu was Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and assisted in coordinating support for the Conference. He also contributed to the Departmental support for Rio+20 follow-up. As Director of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals from 2016 to 2019, Mr. Zhu coordinated the Secretariat support for the HLPF, the UN Ocean Conference, and the Global Sustainable Transport Conference.

Mr. Zhu graduated from the Shanghai International Studies University in 1982 and did post-graduate studies in Beijing Foreign Studies University. He has an MSC in financial economics from University of London and an MA in international relations from Webster University.



Mr. Navid Hanif

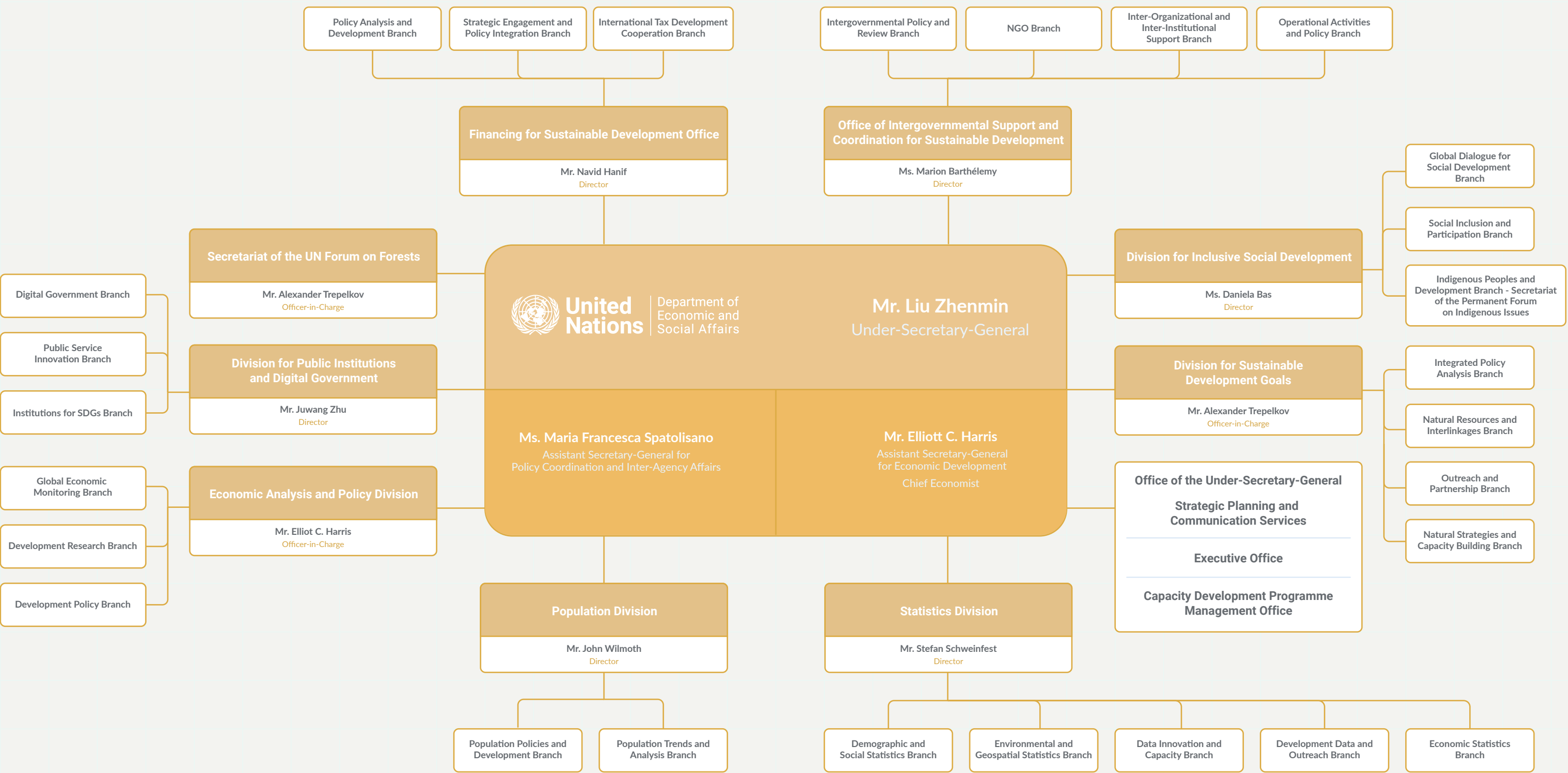
Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office

Mr. Navid Hanif joined UN DESA in 2001; until 2003, he was Senior Policy Adviser in the Division for Sustainable Development and member of the team for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002.

He later joined the office of the Under-Secretary General for UN DESA and focused on departmental initiatives in various policy areas. He worked as the Chief of Policy Coordination Branch in the office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) support from 2004 to 2009. In 2005, he was sent on a special one-year assignment to work as a Principal Officer in the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General. He worked there as a member of the team for the 2005 World Summit. In 2010, he was appointed as Head of the newly established UN DESA Strategic Planning Unit. Most recently, Mr. Hanif served as Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, from 2012 to 2018.

Mr. Hanif holds a Master's in International Political Economy, from Columbia University, New York and a Master's in English Literature from Government College, Lahore.

UN DESA ORGANIZATION CHART



Key moments and milestones of the 75th General Assembly

Month	Key moments and milestones
September 2020	15 Opening of the 75th session of the General Assembly
	16 Report of the UN Economist Network for the UN 75th Anniversary: Shaping the Trends of Our Time
	17 Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2020
	18 SDG Moment
	30 World Family Planning 2020 Highlights
	30 United Nations Summit on Biodiversity
October	1 International Day for Older Persons
	1 Opening of the 75th session of the Third Committee
	5 Opening of the 75th session of the Second Committee
	15 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
	19-21 UN World Data Forum
	20 World Statistics Day
	20 The World's Women 2020: Trends and Statistics
	20-23, 26-29 Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
	31 The World Cities Day
November	31 World Population Ageing 2020 Highlights
	2-6, 9-17 Internet Governance Forum
December	19 Joint Meeting of ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission
	1 Joint informal high-level commemorative meeting of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development
	3 International Day for Persons with Disabilities
	18 International Migrants Day
January 2021	20 International Human Solidarity Day
	15 International Migration 2020 Highlights
February	25 World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021
	1 Joint Meeting of ECOSOC and the Chairs of the Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies
	8-17 Commission for Social Development
	18 Special Meeting of ECOSOC on “Reimagining Equality: Eliminating racism, xenophobia and discrimination for all in the decade of action for the SDGs”
	20 World Day of Social Justice
March	22-26 Committee for Development Policy
	1-3, 5 Statistical Commission
	12 State of the World's Indigenous Peoples, 5th Volume
	15-26 Commission on the Status of Women
	18, 22 High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the Water-related Goals and Targets of the 2030 Agenda
	21 International Day of Forests
	21 World Down Syndrome Day
	22 World Water Day
	25 Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2021
April	6 International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
	7-8 ECOSOC Youth Forum
	12-15 Forum on Financing for Development follow-up
	12-21 Committee of Experts on Public Administration
	16 Special Meeting of ECOSOC on “A vaccine for all”
	19-23 Commission on Population and Development

ECOSOC Functional Commission (Intergovernmental) [Supported by UN DESA]	ECOSOC Advisory Bodies (Experts) [Supported by UN DESA]
High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting	Publication/Dataset Launch

April	19-30 Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
	19-23, 26-28 Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
	23 Special Meeting of ECOSOC on SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs
	26-30 UN Forum on Forests
	26 Global Forest Goals Report 2021
	29 ECOSOC Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
May	3-7 UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names
	5-6 7th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum)
	6-7 Development Cooperation Forum (deferred from 2020 session)
	11 World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2021
	15 International Day of Families
	17-25, 27 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Regular)
	18-20 ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment
	20 World Social Report 2021
June	1 High-Level Thematic Debate on the Ocean and SDG14
	7 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (resumed)
	7 SDG 7 Policy Briefs and SDG 7 Tracking report
	8 World Oceans Day
	8-9 ECOSOC Management segment
	15-17 Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
	15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
	16 International Day of Family Remittances
	21-25 Ministerial Thematic Forums for High-level Dialogue on Energy
	23 UN Public Service Day
July	23-25 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment
	25 Adoption of the General Assembly resolutions on ECOSOC and HLPF Reviews
	2 ECOSOC Integration segment
	4 International Day of Cooperatives
	6 Sustainable Development Report and Global SDG Indicator Database
	6 Sustainable Development Progress Chart
	6-12 High-level political forum on sustainable development (ECOSOC)
	11 World Population Day
	13-16 High-level Segment of ECOSOC including the three-day ministerial segment of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
August	15 World Youth Skills Day
	21-22 ECOSOC Management Segment (continued)
	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
	12 International Youth Day
	23-24, 27 UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
	26 World Public Sector Report 2021
	30 Aug - 10 Sep Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Resumed)

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High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting	Publication/Dataset Launch

Key moments and milestones of the 76th General Assembly

Month	Key moments and milestones
September 2021	14 Opening of the 76th session of the General Assembly
	17 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Resumed)
	20 SDG Moment
	20 Sustainable Development Outlook 2021: From anguish to determination
	24 High-level Dialogue on Energy
	30 Opening of the 76th session of the Second Committee
	30 Sep – 1 Oct 8th Global Forum on Gender Statistetics
October	1 International Day for Older Persons
	3-6 UN World Data Forum
	5 Opening of the 76th session of the Third Committee
	12 Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Development: Interagency report for second Global Sustainable Transport Conference
	14-16 Second Global Sustainable Transport Conference
	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
	19-28 Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
	31 The World Cities Day
	(tbd) Adoption of the General Assembly resolution on the review of the functioning of the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system, including its funding arrangements
November	31 Oct – 12 Nov 26th Conference of the Parties to UNFCCC (COP 26)
	(tbd) Curriculum on Governance for the SDGs
December	3 International Day for Persons with Disabilities
	6 Joint Meeting of ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission
	6-10 Internet Governance Forum
	13-15 UN Public Service Forum
	14-15 SDG Investment Fair
	18 International Migrants Day
	20 International Human Solidarity Day
	(tbd) World Population Policies 2021 Highlights
January 2022	(tbd) Megatrends report on population growth
	24 Jan - 2 Feb Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
	(tbd) World Economic Situation and Prospects 2022
	(tbd) Megatrends report on population ageing
February	2 ECOSOC Partnership Forum
	3-4 ECOSOC Coordination Segment
	14 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
	7-16 Commission for Social Development
	20 World Day of Social Justice
	21-25 Committee for Development Policy
March	1-4 Statistical Commission
	14-25 Commission on the Status of Women
	21 International Day of Forests
	21 World Down Syndrome Day
	22 World Water Day
	29-31 Global Climate-SDG Synergy Conference 2022
	29 Mar – 1 Apr Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
	(tbd) Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2021
	(tbd) Special Meeting of ECOSOC on Reimagining Equality

April	4-8 Committee of Experts on Public Administration
	6 International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
	8 ECOSOC Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
	11-14 Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
	13 ECOSOC dedicated management meetings
	19-20 ECOSOC Youth Forum
	25-28 Forum on Financing for Development follow-up
	25-28 Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
	25-29 Commission on Population and Development
	25 Apr – 6 May Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
	26 (tbd) SDG Investment Fair
May	5-6 ECOSOC Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs
	9-13 UN Forum on Forests
	10-13 International Migration Review Forum
	15 International Day of Families
	17-19 ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment
	17-25 Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
	(tbd) Development Cooperation Forum Survey Study
	(tbd) United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
	(tbd) World Economic Situation and Prospects as of mid-2022
	(tbd) Megatrends report on international migration
	(tbd) World Population Prospects 2022
June	7 NGO Committee
	8 World Oceans Day
	8-9 ECOSOC Management Segment
	14-16 Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
	15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
	16 International Day of Family Remittances
	20 ECOSOC meeting on transition from relief to development
	21-23 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment
	23 UN Public Service Day
	23 (tbd) United Nations Public Service Forum/Awards
	27 Jun – 1 Jul UN Ocean Conference
	(tbd) UN E-Government Survey 2022
July	(tbd) SDG 7 Policy Briefs and SDG 7 Tracking Report
	4 International Day of Cooperatives
	5-7, 11-12 (tbd) High-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF)
	11 World Population Day
	13-15, 18 (tbd) High-level Segment of ECOSOC, including the three-day ministerial segment of the HLPF
	15 World Youth Skills Day
	25 ECOSOC Organizational Session for 2023 Cycle (July 2022- July 2023)
	(tbd) Sustainable Development Report and Global SDG Indicator Database
	(tbd) Sustainable Development Progress Chart
	(tbd) General Assembly high-level meeting on improving road safety (mandated to be back-to-back with HLPF)
August	3-5 (tbd) UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
	12 International Youth Day