

Calendar of ECOSOC System and other bodies opened to NGOs in consultative status with the Council in 2020

January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
<p>20-29 Jan: NGO Committee (regular session)</p> <p>20-31 Jan: Human Rights Council, Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review</p>	<p>17 Feb- 6 Mar: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p> <p>24 Feb- 20 Mar: Human Rights Council, Regular Session</p>			<p>1 May: Special meeting of the Council on "International Cooperation in Tax Matters"</p>	<p>1-26 Jun: Committee for Programme and Coordination (TBC)</p>
	<p>7 Feb: NGO Committee (regular session)</p> <p>10-19 Feb: Commission for Social Development</p> <p>24-27 Feb: Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development</p> <p>24-28 Feb: Committee for Development Policy</p>	<p>30 Mar- 3 Apr: Commission on Population and Development</p> <p>2-6 Mar: Commission on Narcotic Drugs</p> <p>3-6 Mar: Statistical Commission</p> <p>9-20 Mar: Commission on the Status of Women</p> <p>11-13 Mar: Arab Forum for Sustainable Development</p> <p>18-24 Mar: Economic Commission for Africa Session</p> <p>19-20 Mar: European Regional Forum on Sustainable Development</p> <p>23-27 Mar: Commission on Science and Technology for Development</p> <p>25-27 Mar: Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development</p> <p>28-31 Mar: Latin America Regional Forum on Sustainable Development</p>		<p>1-2 Apr: Youth Forum</p> <p>3 Apr: Partnership Forum</p> <p>13-16 Apr: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia</p> <p>13-17 Apr: Committee of Experts on Public Administration</p> <p>13-24 Apr: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</p> <p>20-22 Apr: High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management</p> <p>20-23 Apr: Forum on Financing for Development follow-up</p> <p>20-27 Apr: UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice</p> <p>27-30 Apr: Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</p>	<p>4-8 May: United Nations Forum on Forests</p> <p>5-7 May: United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference</p> <p>4-15 May: Human Rights Council, Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review</p> <p>12-13 May: STI Forum</p> <p>14-15 May: Development Cooperation Forum</p> <p>18-22 May: Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice</p> <p>18-22 May: Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</p> <p>18-28 May: NGO Committee (resumed session)</p> <p>19-21 May: ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment</p> <p>25-29 May: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</p>

Consultative status with ECOSOC entitles NGOs to take part in meetings of the Council's subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council and other intergovernmental meetings. This calendar contains information as of 16 December 2019 on the planned calendar of these meetings. Please note that other meetings open to NGOs in consultative status may be organized in the course of the year. Please check the relevant websites of the United Nations (General Assembly, ECOSOC, etc.) for updated information.

July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
<p>6 Jul: ECOSOC Integration Segment</p> <p>7-13 Jul: High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</p> <p>14-17 Jul: High-level Segment, including the 3-day ministerial segment of HLPF</p>	<p>5-7 Aug: Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management</p>	<p>14 Sep - 2 Oct: Human Rights Council, Regular Session</p> <p>28 Sep – 16 Oct: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p>			
			<p>20-23 Oct: Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</p>	<p>2-13 Nov: Human Rights Council, Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review</p>	<p>Dec: Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Reconvened Session (TBC)</p> <p>Dec: Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Reconvened Session (TBC)</p> <p>11 Dec: ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals</p>

The General Assembly may invite NGOs on consultative status to some of its high-level meetings. Please visit the website of the General Assembly for updated information.

Subsidiary body	Date of the session / venue	2020 Theme/ Relevant Information (if appropriate)
January 2020		
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	20-29 January 2020 and 7 February 2020 (regular session) New York, USA	
Human Rights Council	20-31 January 2020 (37 th session) Geneva, Switzerland	Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review
February 2020		
Commission for Social Development	10-19 February 2020 (58 th session) New York, USA	Priority theme: Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	17 February – 6 March 2020 (67 th session) Geneva, Switzerland	The Committee will consider the following State reports during the session: Belgium, Benin, Guinea, Norway, Ukraine
Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	24-27 February 2020 (6 th session) Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Theme: 2020-2030: A Decade to Deliver a Transformed and Prosperous Africa through the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
Committee for Development Policy	24-28 February 2020 (22 nd session) New York, USA	

Human Rights Council	24 February - 20 March 2020 (43 rd regular session) Geneva, Switzerland	
March 2020		
Commission on Narcotic Drugs	2-6 March 2020 (<i>tentative</i>) (63 rd session) Vienna, Austria	
Statistical Commission	3-6 March 2020 (51 st session) New York, USA	
Commission on the Status of Women	9-20 March 2020 (64 th session) New York, USA	The main focus of the session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly .
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	11-13 March 2020 Beirut, Lebanon	Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ESCWA Region
53rd Session of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	18-24 March 2020 (53 rd session) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Theme: Africa's sustainable industrialization and diversification in the digital era
Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	19-20 March 2020 Geneva, Switzerland	Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE Region

<u>Commission on Science and Technology for Development</u>	23-27 March 2020 (23 rd session) Geneva, Switzerland	The Commission will address two priority themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development. 2. Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context.
<u>Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development</u>	25-27 March 2020 Bangkok, Thailand	Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
<u>Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development</u>	28–31 March 2020 Havana, Cuba	Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
<u>Commission on Population and Development</u>	30 March – 3 April 2020 (53 rd session) New York, USA	Population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development
April 2020		
<u>Youth Forum</u>	1-2 April 2020 New York, USA	The ECOSOC Youth Forum 2020 will be guided by the HLPF 2020 theme: “Accelerated Action and Transformative Pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”
<u>Partnership Forum</u>	3 April 2020 New York, USA	Theme:

		Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development
<u>31st Ministerial Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</u>	13-16 April 2020 (31 st ministerial session) Tunis, Tunisia	
<u>Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)</u>	13-17 April 2020 (19 th session) New York, USA	
<u>Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</u>	13 - 24 April 2020 (19 th session) New York, USA	Theme: Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16
<u>High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management</u>	20-22 April 2020 (6 th session) University of London, Windsor, United Kingdom	Theme: Changing the World - Geospatially
<u>ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up</u>	20-23 April 2020 New York, USA	
<u>United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice</u>	20-27 April 2020 (14 th session) Kyoto, Japan	Theme: Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda
<u>Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</u>	27-30 April 2020 (20 th session) New York, USA	

May 2020

<p><u>ECOSOC special meeting on “International Cooperation in Tax Matters”</u></p>	<p>1 May 2020 New York, USA</p>	
<p><u>United Nations Forum on Forests</u></p>	<p>4-8 May 2020 (15th session) New York, USA</p>	
<p><u>Human Rights Council</u></p>	<p>4-15 May 2020 (36th session) Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review</p>
<p><u>United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference</u></p>	<p>5-7 May 2020 Beijing, China</p>	<p>The Conference will provide an opportunity to focus attention on the opportunities, challenges and solutions towards achieving sustainable transport objectives. It will follow up on the <u>first Global Sustainable Transport Conference</u>, held in 2016 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, and is expected to indicate a way forward for sustainable transport to help achieve the objectives of the <u>2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</u>.</p>
<p><u>Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals</u></p>	<p>12-13 May 2020 New York, USA</p>	<p>Theme: Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development</p>
<p><u>Development Cooperation Forum</u></p>	<p>14-15 May 2020 New York, USA</p>	<p>The 2020 Development Cooperation Forum will advance the strategic role of development cooperation in achieving sustainable development.</p>

<u>Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations</u>	18-28 May 2020 (resumed session) New York, USA	
<u>Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)</u>	18-22 May 2020 (29 th session) (<i>tentative</i>) Vienna, Austria	Effective measures to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants, particularly women and children, and those of unaccompanied migrant children
<u>76th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</u>	18 – 22 May 2020 (76 th session) Bangkok, Thailand	Promoting economic, social and environmental cooperation on oceans for sustainable development
<u>ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment</u>	19-21 May 2020 New York, USA	
<u>Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</u>	25–29 May 2020 (38 th session) San Jose, Costa Rica	
June 2020		
<u>Committee for Programme and Coordination</u>	1-26 June 2020 (60 th session) (TBC) New York, USA	
<u>ECOSOC Management Segment</u>	2-3 June 2020 New York, USA	
<u>High-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14</u>	2-6 June 2020 Lisbon, Portugal	UN Ocean Conference Theme:

		Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions
<u>Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations</u>	5 June 2020 (resumed session) New York, USA	
<u>ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment</u>	9-11 June 2020 New York, USA	
<u>Human Rights Council</u>	15 June – 3 July 2020 (44 th regular session) Geneva, Switzerland	
<u>Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting</u>	17-19 June 2020 (37 th session) Geneva, Switzerland	The main agenda items for the thirty-seventh session are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhancing the comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for entity reporting on the contribution towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. 2. Climate-related financial disclosures in mainstream entity reporting: good practices and key challenges.
July 2020		
<u>ECOSOC Integration Segment</u>	6 July 2020 New York, USA	Theme:

		Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development
<u>High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</u>	7-13 July 2020 New York, USA	Theme: Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development
<u>ECOSOC High-level Segment, including the three-day ministerial segment of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</u>	14-17 July 2020 New York, USA	Theme: Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development
August 2020		
<u>Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management</u>	5-7 August 2020 (10 th session) New York, USA	Numerous substantive activities have since been undertaken and, as follow-up, they will be reported back and deliberated upon at this tenth session. These include progress on: strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management; the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, its Implementation Guide and country-level Action Plans; the Global Geodetic Reference Frame for sustainable development; the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework; the Framework for Effective Land Administration; how geospatial information supports and informs the sustainable development goals; advances in legal and policy frameworks for geospatial information management; progress with marine geospatial information; and activities

		related to geospatial information and services for disasters.
September 2020		
<u>Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</u>	28 September - 16 October 2020 (68 th session) Geneva, Switzerland	The Committee will consider the following State reports during the session: Azerbaijan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Kuwait, Latvia, Nicaragua.
<u>Human Rights Council</u>	14 September - 2 October 2020 (45 th regular session) Geneva, Switzerland	
October 2020		
<u>Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</u>	20-23 October 2020 (21 st session) Geneva, Switzerland	
November 2020		
<u>Human Rights Council</u>	2-13 Nov 2020 (37 th session) Geneva, Switzerland	Working Group, Universal Periodic Review
December 2020		
<u>Commission on Narcotic Drugs</u>	December 2020 (reconvened 63 rd session) (TBC) Vienna, Austria	

<u>Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice</u>	December 2020 (reconvened 29 th session) (TBC) Vienna, Austria	
<u>ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals</u>	11 December 2020 (10 th session) (TBC)	