

Meeting President of ECOSOC with the Chairs of the Functional Commissions (INF-4)

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Dear Colleagues,

On 1 February, the President of ECOSOC convened the annual meeting of ECOSOC with the Chairs of the Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies to guide and coordinate the work of the ECOSOC system in 2021. Please find attached the meeting documentation, including concept note, background note and table of subsidiary bodies 2021 meeting (documentation also available [here](#)). **It would be appreciated if you could share the attachments internally with relevant colleagues covering respective ECOSOC functional commissions.**

The Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies made short presentations of their 2021 themes and priorities. The **Statistical Commission** referred to the collaboration with the RegComs to launch a COVID-19 survey of national statistical offices to monitor the impact of the pandemic on statistical operations and the evolving needs of countries around the globe. The **Conference of NGOs** in consultative relationship with the UN expressed concern on consistency in implementing ECOSOC Res. 1996/31 across the UN system, including at the UN RegComs, in accordance with its Principle 16. Overall, **there was consensus that increased involvement of the Regional Commissions in the work of ECOSOC's subsidiary bodies would be beneficial.**

In their interventions, MSs stressed the need to ensure that the SDGs and 2030 Agenda are placed at the heart of efforts to recover from COVID-19 and stressed that ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies could improve their work methods and produce more action-oriented policies.

Numerous MSs asked for a strengthened cooperation between ECOSOC and its Subsidiary Bodies and the RegComs: **Thailand** said that cooperation between RegComs and ECOSOC could be further enhanced and that they support efforts to further promote contributions from the RegComs to the various ECOSOC Segments and Forums, including the HLPF; **Guatemala** expressed their wish for enhanced cooperation between ECOSOC and the RegComs especially as we recover from COVID-19, including for ECOSOC to continue receiving briefings on the main tasks and challenges in the regions and to have a holistic vision of the impact of ECOSOC's work; **Argentina PR** announced that in her leadership of the Commission for Social Development she has invited the RegComs to participate in the 2021 Session of the Commission for Social Development, with ECLAC and ESCAP agreeing to contribute their findings.

For more details, please see the attached RCNYO report.

With regards,

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