



### **Draft programme**

## **2025 ECOSOC Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development**

*17 June 2025, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland*

*Updated as of 12 June*

### **Overarching Theme:**

***Transition from Relief to Development: Driving solutions and addressing challenges for people in vulnerable situations in crisis contexts***

The Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development will be held in Geneva on 17 June immediately preceding the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS). The meeting will be co-chaired by His Excellency Ambassador Krzysztof Szczerski, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations in New York, in his capacity as ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the Operational Activities for the Development Segment, and Ambassador Maritza Chan-Valverde, in her capacity as ECOSOC Vice-President responsible for the HAS. The meeting is held pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/290 A](#). It aims to promote resilience-building and preparedness and improve the efforts of the international community to respond better to the transition from relief to development. It will discuss how to deliver better results for people and countries in crisis contexts, with a focus on countries in situations of conflict, post-conflict, and countries facing humanitarian emergencies.

The meeting is a key opportunity to bring together Member States and partners, including the UN system, humanitarian organizations, development and peacebuilding actors, international financial institutions, regional organizations, and affected communities, as well as the important contributions of the Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti and Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission. To help shape those discussions, the following overarching themes and topics are proposed for the panel discussions:

**Tuesday 17 June 2025, 10:00–10:30, Room XIX**

### **Opening of the 2025 Meeting on the Transition from Relief to Development**

- Co-Chairs: H.E. Ambassador Maritza Chan-Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations in New York and Vice-President for the ECOSOC

Humanitarian Affairs Segment and H.E. Ambassador Krzysztof Szczerski, Permanent Representative for Poland to the United Nations and Vice-President of the ECOSOC Segment for Operational Activities for Development

- H.E. Ambassador Robert Keith Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, President of the Economic and Social Committee and Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

**Tuesday 17 June 2025, 10:30–13:00, Room XIX**

### **High-level panel discussion 1: *Advancing Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons***

#### **Objectives:**

The panel will highlight the urgent need for accelerated and coordinated efforts (by humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding actors amid diminishing resources) to advance durable solutions to internal displacement, and exchange best practices from governments and local actors. The panel will identify practical steps to strengthen implementation of the Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement and review follow-up action to the mandate of the SG's Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement including through implementation of provisions in the 2024 Q CPR resolution related to internal displacement. Finally, panelists will explore how humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding actors can collaborate more effectively to achieve durable outcomes in displacement-affected contexts amid diminishing resources.

#### **Guiding Questions:**

- What progress has been made towards durable solutions for internally displaced persons?
- What are some of the key lessons that can be drawn from that and what have been the impact and change for internally displaced persons and communities?
- How can Member States best support durable solutions for internally displaced persons?
- What are the impacts of funding cuts for internally displaced persons?

#### **Moderation:**

- Ms. Gwi-yeop Son, Regional Director, Europe, and Central Asia Regional Office, United Nations Development Coordination Office

#### **Panelists:**

- Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations in Geneva (tbc)
- Mr. Maciej Popowski, Director-General, Directorate General European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
- Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General for Operations, International Organization for Migration

- Mr. George Conway, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Somalia
- Representative of a National or International NGO (tbc)
- Concluding remarks by Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham, Director, Coordination Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**Tuesday 17 June 2025, 15:00–18:00, Room XIX**

**High-level panel discussion 2: *Mobilizing partnerships, solutions and financing for affected countries and people in crisis contexts.***

**Objectives:**

With a particular focus on Haiti, the Sahel and South Sudan, the panel will explore how innovative financing mechanisms and expanded partnerships—including with IFIs, regional development banks, and the private sector—can better support countries and communities facing protracted crises. Panelists will identify opportunities to strengthen resilience, sustain basic social services and bridge humanitarian, development, and peace efforts.

**Guiding Questions:**

- What successful models exist for aligning innovative financing tools with humanitarian and development needs in fragile or conflict-affected settings?
- How can partnerships with IFIs, regional development banks, philanthropic organizations, and the private sector be scaled and sustained while safeguarding humanitarian principles?
- What are the key lessons from country contexts in designing financing and partnership models that are locally-driven?

**Moderation:**

- Ramesh Rajasingham, Director of Coordination Division, OCHA

**Panelists:**

- Permanent Representative of South Sudan to United Nations in Geneva (tbc)
- H.E. Dr. Al Rabeeah, Supervisor General, King Salman Center in Riyadh (tbc)
- H.E. Ambassador Robert Keith Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, President of the Economic and Social Committee and Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
- Ms. Celeste Drake, Deputy Director-General, International Labour Organization
- Ms. Ulrika Richardson, Deputy Special Representative for the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator (DSRSG/RC/HC) in Haiti
- Mr. Ted Chaiban, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- Mr. Dominique Burgeon, Director, FAO
- Mr. Yembuani Yves Ouoba, Executive Director, Association Tin Tua (tbc)