

Statement 2026 Operational Activities For Development Segment

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Bette Levy, FEIM, on behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Mechanism, and MGoS. The LAC region represents a wider and diverse groups of communities whose lives and futures depend on a United Nations Development System that is responsive, coordinated, and capable of addressing the realities they face on the critical issue of strengthening governance, oversight, and coordination across the United Nations Development System, with ECOSOC at its core.

At a time of escalating geopolitical tensions and a polycrisis, effective multilateral cooperation is not only a development necessity but also a strategic investment in global stability.

As UN80 recommendations move forward, it is essential that UN Country Team configurations and regional architectures are tailored not only to national priorities but also address the regional needs of debt distress, climate vulnerabilities, inequalities and other structural challenges. Their perspectives and priorities must therefore be systematically reflected in country-level planning, programming, and decision-making.

Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams have a critical role to ensure that development responses are integrated, locally informed, and grounded in human rights and gender equality. This requires adequate resources, stronger coordination across the system, and meaningful engagement with civil society partners.

ECOSOC has an indispensable role as the primary platform for system-wide oversight, policy guidance, coordination and to review results, identify gaps, and ensure alignment with national priorities and the 2030 Agenda.

As we shape the future of the UN Development System, reforms must strengthen accountability, transparency, and coherence while safeguarding the diversity of mandates and expertise across UN entities and are designed to deliver tangible results for people.

Our shared goal is a UN that is more coordinated, accountable, and effective in advancing inclusive development, resilience, and sustainable prosperity and lasting peace for all.

Thank you.