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**2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum: “Transformative, equitable,
innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda for
Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals
for a sustainable future for all”**

Plenary session

Statement to be delivered by Portugal

*Tuesday, 27 January, 15h50-17h45,
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Thank you for giving me the floor.

Portugal aligns itself with the statement delivered by the EU, and would like to add the following in its national capacity.

With four years left and an increasingly fragmented international landscape, there is only one way forward to deliver on the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

Through Partnerships.

Partnerships accelerate progress, when anchored in trust, shared leadership and inclusion, and when financing, policy and implementation move in the same direction.

ECOSOC remains a natural platform to promote such partnerships with coherence, coordination and accountability at the UN.



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Portugal approaches this Forum and the SDGs under review with this conviction.

On **SDG 6**, we focus on governance as the foundation for impact.

The Global WaterGov Coalition, launched by Portugal at the 2023 UN Water Conference, brings together governments, regulators and partners to strengthen climate-resilient water and sanitation systems.

At the regional level, initiatives such as LusoReg reinforce institutional capacity through South-South cooperation.

On **SDG 7**, we combine concrete action with innovative finance.

Projects as *Ilumina Saúde* in Angola expand access to clean energy while strengthening public services.

At the same time, our debt-for-climate swap with Cabo Verde transforms sovereign debt into long-term investments for the energy transition.

On **SDG 9**, resilient digital infrastructure and governance go hand in hand.

Portugal promotes secure and diversified connectivity, including through its engagement on submarine cable resilience.

We also support multistakeholder cooperation through the Lusophone Internet Governance Forum, promoting an open, secure and inclusive Internet, across Portuguese-speaking countries.

On **SDG 11**, partnerships are essential to build inclusive and resilient communities.



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Portugal has prioritized digital connectivity in remote and insular regions and strengthened data-driven housing governance through initiatives such as the Housing, Rental and Urban Rehabilitation Observatory and the *Gov4Hab* project, supporting more effective and resilient housing policies.

Finally, **SDG 17** underpins all our efforts.

The implementation of the Sevilla Commitment is central to this work.

We have endorsed several Sevilla Platform for Action initiatives and remain fully engaged to their follow-up, including in the context of the ECOSOC FfD Forum.

Furthermore, in our capacity as Vice-President of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation, we will continue placing emphasis on triangular cooperation, too, as a practical way of sharing solutions, mobilizing trust and scaling impact towards the SDGs.

Excellencies,

The path to 2030 will be defined by the quality of our partnerships.

Portugal stands ready to work with all partners, through ECOSOC and the HLPF, to turn cooperation into results.

I thank you.

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