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Joining Forces: Effective policy solutions for COVID-19 response



WHAT: As infections and deaths from the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) around the world continue to rise, people's lives and livelihoods have been upended. The United Nations has a key role in leading a strong multilateral response and supporting countries in their preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

In that context, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is organizing an Informal Briefing on "*Joining Forces: Effective Policy Solutions for Covid-19 Response*", bringing on board the wider UN system to discuss policy solutions that countries can use to combat the pandemic, preserve advances made and get back on track towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

WHEN: 11 May 2020 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT)

WHERE: UN Webcast (<http://webtv.un.org>).

WHO: The President of the Economic and Social Council **Mona Juul** (Norway) and UN Deputy Secretary-General **Amina J. Mohammed** will be joined by Heads of Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**), International Labour Organization (**ILO**), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (**UNCTAD**), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (**ESCAP**), the **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**, the **Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs**, and the **Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)**. The CEO of **Plan International** will moderate the dialogue.



Social media – ECOSOC will tweet from the

@UNECOSOC twitter account, with the hashtags #COVID19 #GlobalGoals

Media participation

Media will be able to watch the event live on UN Webcast (<http://webtv.un.org>)

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