

high levels of public debt and has limited the ability of governments to deploy necessary measures and resources to support livelihoods.

The uneven responses across the world will put developed and developing countries in a divergent path of recovery.

There needs to be concerted efforts from creditors to reduce the external debt burden of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, to support their recovery efforts. We have seen many important initiatives, but we need to be even more ambitious.

Rebuilding and recovery efforts are also depended on access to vaccinations. It is crucial to implement measures through which countries in special situation can have access to the vaccine, as well as, for some, manufacture the vaccine themselves. National Deployment and Vaccination Plans and international support need to ensure widespread distribution of the vaccines in the general population.

The challenges we face now must serve as a wake-up call to recommit to solutions that can set the world back on track for a sustainable future. International solidarity is needed more than ever before.

Let us strengthen the support, commitment, and partnership to assist these groups of countries in their efforts to respond to the pandemic, build resilience and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you.
