

**2021 ECOSOC Special Meeting on SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs**  
**23 April 2021**

**Understanding the vulnerability of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)-  
 impact of COVID-19 and road to recovery**

**10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

<b>Opening Segment</b>	
10:00 – 10:10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly</li> </ul>
10:10 – 10:20 am	<p><b>Statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and Chairman of AOSIS</li> </ul>
<b>Session One: Fireside Chat - Challenges faced by SIDS</b>	
10:20 – 11:10 am	<p><i><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sofia Borges, Senior Vice President and Head of New York Office, UN Foundation</i></p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva, Prime Minister of Cabo Verde</li> <li>• Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General and the Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service, Communications and the Minister responsible for Climate Change of Fiji</li> <li>• Moderated exchange of views between H.E. Mr. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and H.E. Ms. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados</li> </ul>
<b>Session Two: Taking Bold Action for SIDS</b>	
11:10 – 11:50 am	<p><i><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Sofia Borges, Senior Vice President and Head of New York Office, UN Foundation</i></p>

	<p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Baroness Patricia J. Scotland QC, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat</li> <li>• Mr. Sean de Cleene, Member of Executive Committee, Food Systems Initiative / SDIP - World Economic Forum</li> <li>• Ms. Vicki Assevero, Senior Fellow, Caribbean Initiative, Atlantic Council</li> <li>• Ms. Lindsey Zuluaga, White House Director for International Economic Policy, National Security Council, USA</li> <li>• Dr. Bruce Aylward, Senior Advisor to the WHO Director-General, Organizational Change, ACT Accelerator</li> <li>• Ms. Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu, Under Secretary-General and High Representative, OHRLLS</li> </ul>
11:50 am – 12:54 pm	<b>Interactive Discussion</b>
<b>Closing Segment</b>	
12:54 - 1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA (Message to be delivered by Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano, ASG for Policy Co-ordination &amp; Inter-Agency Affairs)</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council</li> </ul>

**Financing a resilient recovery from the cascading effects of COVID-19  
in LDCs and LLDCs  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

<b>Opening Segment</b>	
3:00 – 3:05 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council</li> </ul>
<b>Panel: financing a resilient recovery from the cascading effects of COVID-19 in LDCs and LLDCs</b>	
3:05 – 3:40 pm	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth UN Conference on LDCs (LDC5)</i></p>

	<p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Eisenhower Nduwa Mkaka, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malawi</li> <li>• Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU)</li> <li>• Professor José Antonio Ocampo, Chairperson, Committee for Development Policy</li> <li>• Mr. Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network</li> <li>• Ms. Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu, Under Secretary-General and High Representative, OHRLLS</li> </ul>
3:40 – 4:55	<b>Interactive Discussion</b>
<b>Closing Segment</b>	
4:55 - 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council</li> </ul>

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