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ECOSOC Integration Segment
Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

Shared Responsibility to Recover Better from COVID-19

6 July 2020
09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Draft Programme

- ❖ *Bringing together key messages from ECOSOC subsidiary bodies & the UN system on the main theme*
❖ *Developing action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the HLPF*

Chair of Segment:

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan, ECOSOC Vice-President and Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations

09:00 – 09:20 Opening

- ❑ Welcoming remarks by H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan, ECOSOC Vice-President and Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations

Keynote speaker

- ❑ H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (*Keynote address by recorded video message*)

Presentation of the annual overview report of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB)

- ❑ Ms. Simona Petrova, Secretary of CEB

09:20 – 10:40 Session on “Getting back on track for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”

Panelists

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Christian Braun, Chair of Commission on Population and Development and Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations
- ❑ Mr. Guy Ryder, Director General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
- ❑ Mr. Qu Dongyu, Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- ❑ Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Lead discussants

- ❑ H.E. Mr. Kairat Umarov, Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations
- ❑ H.E. Ms. Kira Christianne Danganan Azucena, Chair of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries, and Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations

Questions:*Policy recommendations from ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system:*

- What are the challenges to efforts to recover better from socio-economic impact of COVID-19 and getting back on track for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals?
- How can cross-cutting action areas identified in the 2019 SDG Summit Political Declaration as well as GSDR entry points help countries get back on track for achieving the SDGs?
- How can macroeconomic policies in response to COVID-19 work for the most vulnerable?
- How can we restore and build back better sustainable food systems and ensure people's food security and livelihoods?
- What are transformative changes that can prevent anyone being pushed further behind in response to and recovery from COVID-19?
- What key messages should the HLPF convey on those issues?

Coordination and oversight role of ECOSOC:

- What is the UN system doing in those areas and are actions well-coordinated and integrated?
- Are there any areas that require further attention/action by the broader UN system?

10:40 – 11:50 Session on “Leaving no one behind in the context of COVID-19 and the decade of action and delivery”**Panelists**

- ❑ H.E. Ms. Khojesta Fana Ebrahimkhel, Vice-Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) and Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations and other International and Regional Organizations in Vienna
- ❑ Professor José Antonio Ocampo, Chairperson, UN Committee for Development Policy
- ❑ Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- ❑ Ms. Anita Bhatia, Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, UN-Women

Lead discussants

- ❑ H.E. Ms. Lois Michele Young, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations
- ❑ H.E. Mr. Perks Master Clemency Ligoya, Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations

Questions:*Policy recommendations from ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the UN system:*

- What are the most pressing challenges to efforts to leave no one behind in view of the COVID-19?
- What are the priorities for countries in special situations, including the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and middle-income countries?
- What key messages should the HLPF convey on those issues?

Coordination and oversight role of ECOSOC:

- What is the UN system doing in those areas and are actions well-coordinated and integrated?
- Are there any areas that require further attention/action by the broader UN system?
- Is there a need for improving the division of labour among subsidiary bodies in those areas and filling in gaps?

11:50 – 12:00 Closing

- Closing remarks by Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN-DESA
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan, ECOSOC Vice-President and Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations