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Monday, 12th April

<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>The Missing Link: Improving the Transparency of Global Statistics for Sustainable Development in a Post-COVID Era - Presentation of the first dataset of the TOSSD framework</p> <p>Organizers: TOSSD Task Force Secretariat based at the OECD</p> <p>In March 2021, the first TOSSD dataset has been released with activity-level information from about 90 provider countries and institutions in support of sustainable development. This event will present the first TOSSD dataset, provide an opportunity for the high-level speakers to discuss the transparency on resources provided to recipient countries and at the regional and global level in support of sustainable development. The event will also aim to gather views on the future of the TOSSD framework, which would be strengthened by a global governance structure in close coordination with the UN.</p> <p>Contacts: guillaume.delalande@oecd.org; marisa.berbegalibanez@oecd.org, cecile.sangare@oecd.org, sabrina.bouldi@oecd.org and julia.benn@oecd.org.</p> <p>Registration details: Register in advance for this event here.</p>
	<p>Leaving no one behind: Financing Sustainable Recovery from COVID-19 in LLDCs</p> <p>Organizers: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, UN OHRLLS</p> <p>The main objective of the side event is to mobilize international attention and resources to support procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and the recovery efforts of the LLDCs. The event will feature details on trends and how to enhance</p>

	<p>mobilization of financing from: domestic resources, official development assistance, public and private sectors partnerships, South-South and Triangular cooperation, and dedicated special windows for the LLDCs in multi-lateral resources, and innovative sources of funding. This Event also provides an opportunity for sharing of experiences and concrete recommendations on how to support funding of COVID-19 vaccines and recovery in LLDCs.</p> <p>More details can be found here: https://www.un.org/ohrlls/events/virtual-side-event-2021-financing-development-follow-forum-leaving-no-one-behind-financing</p> <p>Contact: nurzhandf@gmail.com mutangadura@un.org</p> <p>Registration details : Leaving no one behind: Financing Sustainable Recovery from COVID-19 in LLDCs (office.com)</p>
	<p>Benchmarks and building back better: strengthening policy coherence for global sustainability standards</p> <p>Organizer: World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA), EU Delegation to the UN, Permanent Mission of The Netherlands to the UN</p> <p>In partnership with the EU Delegation to the UN and the Permanent Mission of The Netherlands to the UN, this event will explore how to strengthen policy coherence for building back better through global sustainability disclosure standards that can incentivize financial institutions to allocate capital more effectively towards achievement of the SDGs. In this context, the event will draw upon insights and recommendations from initiatives such as the “High-Level Financing for Development in the Era of COVID and Beyond” multi-stakeholder consultation process which recommended greater policy coherence around global standards and norms for disclosure and reporting. The session will also take stock of the current regulatory gaps preventing action from financial institutions, highlight efforts to reform capital markets at the global and regional levels, and consider ways in which to hold financial institutions accountable for their role in moving markets towards more sustainable outcomes.</p> <p>Contact: p.desai@worldbenchmarkingalliance.org</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>Effective Stimulus Policies to Sustain MSMEs and the Creative Economy Sector</p> <p>Organizer: Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the UN, UNCTAD</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a major challenge to the attainment of the SDGs. For MSMEs, a crisis of the scale that we are currently facing makes them both the victim and also the agent of hope for a strong recovery. MSMEs are by far the most dominant sector in most economies.</p>

	<p>In the context of the “International Year of Creative Economy”, The ramifications of the crisis on various creative sector need to be better explore along with the impact of different fiscal stimulus packages on these various creative sectors and their impact on employment, education or skills enhancement, gender, as well as youth empowerment. This side event, organized in partnership with the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Indonesia and UNCTAD serves as an opportunity to exchange views on the policies and strategies implemented by governments in targeted fiscal and financial stimuli for MSMEs, including players in the creative economy sub-sector. Please find the concept note in the link below.</p> <p>Concept Note FFD MSMEs Stimulus-CE 12 April 2021IndonesiaUNCTAD.pdf - Google Drive</p> <p>Contact: dsp@indonesiamission-ny.org</p> <p>Registration details: 2021 ECOSOC FFD SIDE EVENT: Effective Stimulus Policies to Sustain MSMEs and the Creative Economy Sector April 2020 (google.com)</p>
	<p>COVID Response & Private Sector: Incentives, Regulations or Systemic Reforms?</p> <p>Organizer: Civil Society Financing for Development Group (including the Women’s Working Group on FfD)</p> <p>Many insist on the (dramatic) opportunity offered by crisis to promote recovery patterns that could offer a way forward towards a more equitable and sustainable future, rather than a way back to the grim realities within which the crisis found its deep roots. However, there seems to be significant inconsistencies in the approach towards the private sector, as the appetite for systemic reforms and regulatory interventions seem to be overshadowed by an overarching inclination towards incentives, de-risking and deregulatory approaches. The side will promote a lively discussion on alternative approaches to ensure alignment of and participation by the private sector to a systemic reform agenda that can offer a truly transformative pathway to recover from COVID and tackle the challenges of socio-economic transformation of developing countries.</p> <p>Contact: stefanop@sidint.org</p> <p>Registration details : Meeting Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>Pushing Stakeholder Capitalism through International Cooperation</p> <p>Organizer: Ministry of International Cooperation, Arab Republic of Egypt.</p> <p>This high-level side event aims at exchanging views about the policies, incentives, and actions needed to strengthen the enabling ecosystem, both at the national and global levels, to foster and promote the private sector engagement towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>

	<p>The acceleration of national development efforts to mobilize domestic resources, establish strong partnership and promote private sector engagement is a key component to reinvigorate sustainability-aligned business and investment in emerging markets post the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, public policies are needed to incentivize private sector actors to align their investments to Sustainable Development Goals. Development cooperation stakeholders will need to rapidly adjust to the increasingly complex and diverse development landscape to achieve the 2030 Agenda and leave no one behind. The panelists will present their views and perspectives in that regard.</p> <p>Contact: mayoub@moic.gov.eg, & rkaliouby@moic.gov.eg</p> <p>Registration details : https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81649250057?pwd=RXFuSm41K1gxbVJYMUd5MjVlbzBqdz09 Meeting ID: 816 4925 0057, Passcode: 224605</p>
<p>13:15 p.m.- 14:45 p.m.</p>	<p>How can development finance address the vulnerability challenge in LDCs and other vulnerable countries : Improving allocation and supporting structural transformation</p> <p>Organizers: UN OHRLLS, OECD Development Centre and FERDI (Foundation for Studies and Research on International Development)</p> <p>The COVID-19 crisis urges us to rethink the economic vulnerability of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and developing countries more generally. The crisis is putting to a test international support measures and in particular their capacity to adequately respond to countries’ needs. LDCs exhibit significant vulnerabilities that can be overlooked by the current mechanisms of financing for development. At the same time, those vulnerabilities contribute to the slow gains in structural transformation and productive capacity. On the road to LDC5, this event will make proposals to bring forward new financing policies that would better address vulnerabilities of LDCs and other vulnerable developing countries by channeling increased assistance to the most vulnerable countries and stimulating their economic activity both for better recovery and sustainable development.</p> <p>Contact: matthieu.boussichas@ferdi.fr</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>Digital and Financial Inclusion: Pathways to promote an inclusive Post-COVID-19 socio-economic recovery”</p> <p>Organizers: Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, NGO Committee on Financing for Development, Sisters of Charity Federation, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development, Red Dot Foundation, Change Management Solutions, Startnoo, New Humanity for</p>

	<p>the Focolare Movement, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary and Salesian Missions Inc.</p> <p>While businesses are increasingly offering consumers the option to transact through online and mobile platforms, two major barriers prevent consumers from adopting these digital options: lack of internet connectivity (digital exclusion) and or lack of a bank account to receive or make payments (financial exclusion). In addition, Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) face considerable challenges in accessing digital financial services and credit, inclusive insurance schemes and online payment systems and retail platforms that will be keys for their survival in the post-COVID era. Digital and Financial inclusion is ever more critical for marginalized communities, especially women, youth, refugees and informal migrant workers, to recover from the crisis and to ensure the survival and sustainability of MSMEs. The panel will explore the interlinkages between financial and digital inclusion, innovative advancement in fintech and digital infrastructure to address the challenges faced by MSMEs and marginalized communities, including last-mile connectivity, and propose measures to address regulatory challenges and disparities in broadband connectivity.</p> <p>Concept note for the panel event</p> <p>Flyer for the panel event</p> <p>Contact: athomas@womenfirstfund.org</p> <p>Registration details : Meeting Registration - Zoom Please register in advance, by 11th April 5:00 pm.</p>
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Tuesday 13th April

<p>7:30 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Advancing Equitable Solutions in Fiji, Indonesia, Malawi and Uruguay</p> <p>Organizers: United Nations Joint SDG Fund</p> <p>In March 2021, the Joint SDG Fund announced a US\$41 million portfolio to catalyze strategic financing to accelerate the SDGs. The allocation expands the Joint SDG Fund’s investments to date to US\$223 million, encompassing 101 joint programmes in 97 countries for Integrated Social Protection and SDG Investments. Fiji, Indonesia, Malawi and Uruguay were selected from 155 proposals from over 100 country applicants across the globe. Each of the four programmes combine public and private money to invest in achieving the SDGs. The side event will be moderated by Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance, and attended by the Deputy Secretary-General as well as</p>
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	<p>Heads of State and Ministers of the four countries selected (Fiji, Indonesia, Malawi and Uruguay). Speakers will be asked to discuss and showcase the initiatives currently being implemented in their countries, their expected impact and leverage.</p> <p>Contact: vivalda.poggiali@un.org</p> <p>Registration details : *<u>[MC:MC MC SUBJECT]* (campaign-archive.com)</u></p>
	<p>Launch of the Addis Tax Initiative Declaration 2025: Tax systems that work for people and advance the SDGs</p> <p>Organizers: ATI Steering Committee and International Tax Compact (ITC)</p> <p>The Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) invites you to join the high-level launch of the ATI Declaration 2025. Developed in a participatory and inclusive process, the new declaration reflects the common vision of the 62 members of a world where partner countries can generate sufficient domestic revenues in an equitable, accountable and transparent manner to fulfil the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>The side event will serve as an opportunity for members of the ATI to strengthen high-level commitment to domestic revenue mobilization (DRM) as means to finance sustainable development and close recognized gaps in development finance. It will also host a panel discussion on the role of DRM and the ATI in the context of “Recover better” and identify interlinkages to other action areas of financing for development.</p> <p>Contact: tobias.fleckenstein@giz.de & lisa.brinkmann@taxcompact.net</p> <p>Registration details : Registration form for the official launch of the ATI Declaration 2025 at the 2021 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum ATI (addistaxinitiative.net)</p>

	<p>Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction and a Risk-Informed Approach to Investing Across the SDGs</p> <p>Organizer: UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) Development Cooperation Branch, and the Permanent Mission of Australia, Indonesia, Peru and Norway as Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>The side event will delve deeper into the issues presented in the 2021 Financing for Sustainable Development Report Thematic Chapter on financing for risk reduction and resilience. Experts on climate-sensitive and risk-informed investing, from the insurance sector, and on international development cooperation will discuss how governments, IFIs, development banks, and the UN system can integrate disaster risk reduction into domestic public financing and domestic and international private finance. It will identify actions that governments can take to finance the implementation of their national and local disaster risk reduction strategies; to leverage development cooperation as a catalyst for risk-informed development; and to integrate a multi-hazard risk-informed approach to public and private investing across all sectors that considers economic risks as well as social and environmental risks.</p> <p>Please find the concept note and background information on the link below: "Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction and Risk-Informed Approaches to Investing across the SDGs" (2021 FFD Forum Side Event) Financing for Sustainable Development Office (un.org)</p> <p>Contact: beynon@un.org & hidayat@un.org</p> <p>Registration details : Please click here to register</p>
	<p>The Challenge of Financing for Development Pre & Post CoVID-19</p> <p>Organizers: The Egyptian Ministry of Planning and Economic Development in partnership with the League of Arab States.</p> <p>While progress towards achieving sustainable development should be driven by governments, all relevant stakeholders should have contributions to implement SDGs and promote recovery from the pandemic, in a green and a sustainable manner. The side event aims at enhancing dialogue among multi-stakeholders and attracting interested partners, sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learnt and exploring innovative tools for financing SDGs</p> <p>During side event, hosted by the Egyptian Ministry of Planning & Economic Development, in partnership with the League of Arab States, Egypt, as a pilot country in the Arab region, shall introduce the first national report on Financing SDGs, that helps identifying the opportunities, challenges and sets the way forward towards addressing the national needs of Egypt to expedite the implementation of SDGs and recover from COVID-19.</p>

	<p>Contact: sherif.dawoud@mped.gov.eg Registration/connection details : https://mped-eg.webex.com/mped-eg/j.php?MTID=mea43ae386f7715246959ec12a5f851c6 Meeting number: 181 045 4373 Password: 12345</p>
	<p>Financing COVID-19 recovery for a green, purple, and digital transition that leaves no one behind</p> <p>Organizers: Permanent Mission of Canada, Permanent Mission of Jamaica, ILO, UNCTAD, UNDP</p> <p>The side event will serve as an opportunity to update on the work of the three cluster areas in the context of the initiative on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond. The discussion will focus on public policies aimed at stimulating investments and employment opportunities for a green, purple, and digital recovery, in-line with the ongoing discussions on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond. Country examples will be shared to assess the initial impact of stimulus measures and financing gaps, and countries experiences in NDC and SDG-financing strategies such as through the Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFF) integrating COVID-19 related impacts. The discussion will focus on options for expanding fiscal space, particularly in developing countries and aligning financing to the SDGs.</p> <p>Contact: barth@ilo.org</p> <p>Registration details : http://cutt.ly/fin4dev</p>
	<p>Building Back Better Through Sustainable Investments in Health</p> <p>Organizers: Group of Friends of UHC and Global Health/ Permanent Missions of Georgia, Japan and Thailand to the UN, World Health Organization, and others TBC</p> <p>Universal health coverage offers a roadmap for ensuring good health and well-being, providing global health security, and accelerating sustainable development. Achieving UHC is an ambitious goal that requires countries to mobilize sustained financial resources for health and to distribute them for better health, greater equity and increased social cohesion. At the side event, we will reaffirm the importance of mobilizing sustainable financial resources for health attainment through UHC.</p> <p>Contact: yosuke.kita@mofa.go.jp</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
<p>13:15 p.m. – 14:45 p.m.</p>	<p>After COVID-19, New Thinking on creating real value and Financing the SDGs?</p>

	<p>Organizer: CIFA & co-hosted by Permanent Mission of URUGUAY to the UN</p> <p>This CIFA Side Event will seek to further our understanding on how the monetary policy intended to stabilize the economy is failing. Such a crisis will be an impediment to the realization of the UN 2030 Agenda. Our major concern within the SDGs is the reduction of poverty. Building entrepreneurial power leading to real value creation is a durable way to reduce poverty. It is expected that this CIFA Side Event help build a new approach where governments will encourage investors to become entrepreneurs and actively participate in wealth creation and community development.</p> <p>Contact: mezoui@gmail.com</p> <p>Registration details : https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86976193364?pwd=bXNYSWwvL25rOXo3eDVuT0NVVXp2QT09 Webinar ID: 869 7619 3364 Passcode: 985974</p>
	<p>The impact of covid-19 on aid: Financing an equitable recovery</p> <p>Organizers: Development Initiatives, United Nations Foundation & Oxfam US</p> <p>Development Initiatives (DI), the United Nations Foundation & Oxfam International are pleased to invite you to join us for a panel event which will shed light on the financing challenges that have been exacerbated by the pandemic and will explore what needs to change in financing to promote an equitable response and recovery.</p> <p>Bringing together a diverse group of key experts on financing, this event will set out what has changed as a result of Covid-19 and what this means for ODA spending if we are serious about building back better and fairer. This will include exploring new research on how key donors of Official Development Assistance have responded during the first year of the pandemic using the latest data available via the International Aid Transparency Initiative. Based on the information available in real time, this will set out what ODA commitments are being made, how priorities are shifting, and what the impact is likely to be on the poorest and most vulnerable populations unless action is taken.</p> <p>Following this presentation, there will be an action-oriented discussion with a select group of panelists who will share their unique insights, perspectives and respond to key questions such as how we make the best use of the limited resources we do currently have, and ODA in particular, to support building back better and fairer in 2021 and beyond.</p> <p>Register to join for what is set to be an interesting and informative discussion. If you would like to submit questions for the event, please send them to amy.cox@devinit.org</p> <p>Contact: amy.cox@devinit.org</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>

Debt-for-Climate Swaps for Small Island Developing States: An Innovative Approach to Preventing A SIDS Debt Crisis

Organizer: Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda - Chair of AOSIS

The objective of this High-Level event is to align the discussions of debt-for-climate swap with the Financing for Development Forum and to provide space for member states, climate finance experts, civil society, the private sector and the United Nations systems and institutions to discuss and present proposals on how to advance the implementation of debt for climate swap for SIDS and how other developing countries can benefit.

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Registration details : <http://bit.ly/AOSISDebtSwapWebinar>

Priorities for the SME ecosystems for the next Programme of Action for the LDCs: Missing middle, SMEs and their productive capacities

Organizers: Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN, Permanent Mission of Malawi to the UN, UNCTAD, FCA Investments

The least developed countries' (LDCs') advancing towards sustainable development and eventually graduating requires financing for development which builds on the sustainable, locally-rooted solutions. The importance of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) for LDC economies has been noted in several studies, including UNCTAD's LDC Report series. This side-event adopts an ecosystem viewpoint to the SMEs in LDCs, calling for systemic solutions and cooperation by Governments, the UN, private sector, financial intermediaries and SMEs. With a view to contributing to the preparatory process of the LDC5 Conference in 2022, this side-event brings together the above-mentioned actors to deliberate on ways to support SME ecosystems in the LDCs, contribute to LDCs' development of productive capacities and eventually achieve the SDGs. It discusses which new international support measures can support LDC SMEs, what opportunities digitalization brings to SMEs and the broader ecosystem, and how essential services to LDC SMEs can be provided at scale.

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Registration details :

<https://rtce-unog.webex.com/rtce-unog/j.php?MTID=m7aacbeba7844c937cdbc13e75b33bf98>

Meeting number (access code): 183 124 8618

Wednesday 14th April

<p>7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Integrated National Financing Frameworks: Advancing Implementation in Support of Recovery.</p> <p>Organizers: UNDESA, UNDP, EU</p> <p>In 2019, 16 countries committed to pioneering Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs) to finance their national SDG efforts. Now, governments in around 60 countries are following suit. The COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout have further heightened interest in INFFs, with several countries adopting them in support of their recovery plans. The international community, led by the United Nations and the European Union, has responded by combining and aligning resources and tools in support of these national efforts, including through targeted technical assistance and methodological guidance. This side event will bring together policy makers and INFF practitioners from around the world to share early lessons from pioneer countries and to launch the INFF Knowledge Platform as the foundation of a growing Community of Practice working to develop and implement INFFs.</p> <p>Contact: Cecilia.caio@un.org</p> <p>Registration details : Side Event Registration (google.com)</p>
	<p>Blockchain financial platform for automatic distribution</p> <p>Organizer: Foundation of International Servant leadership Exchange Association (ISEA foundation)</p> <p>ISEA foundation has been conducting research and experiments on blockchain finance, aiming at providing a platform that guarantees Survival Human Rights that all human beings can access.</p> <p>Through this event, we would like to present a framework for our policy on "Blockchain financial platform for automatic distribution"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Automatic distribution through mobile applications.2. Distribution through kiosk installation in local markets.3. Verification and distribution to people without personal identification.4. Support and distribution of swap function between currencies without commission. <p>Concept note</p> <p>Contact: iseaus@gmail.com & henry@isea.center</p> <p>Registration details : Side Event Registration (google.com)</p>

	<p>Soft-Launch of The “SDG Investor Platform” To Accelerate SDG-Aligned Investment Globally by UNDP and UN SG’s GISD Alliance</p> <p>Organizer: UNDP</p> <p>The United Nations Development Programme (“UNDP”) SDG Impact and the UN Secretary General’s Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance launches the SDG Investor Platform during this side event of the 2021 SDG Investment Fair. This session will discuss how the SDG Investment Platform will facilitate SDG-relevant investing at scale. Drawing from experiences, panelists will introduce how the data captured in SDG Investor Maps and presented in the SDG Investment Platform can be useful for their investment decisions while contributing to the SDGs. The Platform will also pilot hosting the government projects and panelists will share insights. In addition, the panel will highlight new market building and facilitation activities to mobilize investment for sustainable development at scale.</p> <p>Contact: sebnem.sener@undp.org</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>Maximizing Mining Revenues for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century</p> <p>Organizers: The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) & The Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF)</p> <p>The transition to a low carbon economy means society must diversify away from fossil fuels to green energy technologies that depend on minerals and metals.</p> <p>This is a unique opportunity for resource-rich developing countries to re-imagine domestic resource mobilization for sustainable development. Mining has often failed to deliver expected government revenues due to weak enforcement of tax laws by governments, aggressive tax planning by investors , and overly generous tax incentives. Without fundamental changes, the coming mining boom is unlikely to achieve its full potential to fund important government priorities including the Sustainable Development Goals. The time is right for policy makers to will need to improve their country’s mining fiscal regimes or consider alternative options for maximizing returns on mineral wealth.</p> <p>This event will bring together governments of resource-rich developing countries, civil society, and international organizations to take stock of the current system of mining taxation and the fundamental reforms needed to ensure mining contributes fully to achieving the financing for sustainable development agenda.</p>

	<p>Contact: Secretariat@IGFMining.org</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>Leveraging the Financing for Development process to ensure a gender lens in building back better</p> <p>Organizers: UN Women and Permanent Missions of Fiji and the Netherlands to the UN</p> <p>UN Women in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations aims to host a side event during the 2021 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum on how to leverage the Financing for Development process to ensure a gender lens in building back better for women and girls from the COVID-19 crisis. The roundtable will mobilize Finance Ministers, representatives from International Finance Institutions, Member States, the UN and invited guests to build partnerships to amplify the importance of and showcase efforts led on addressing gender equality and women’s empowerment in the response while highlighting best practices and sharing of experiences of leveraging financing for SDG5.</p> <p>Contact: maham.hai-tadesse@unwomen.org</p> <p>Registration details : Zoom Webinar</p>
<p>13:15 p.m. – 14:45 p.m.</p>	<p>“COVID recovery and our planet’s repair must be the two sides of the same coin” Financing Nature-based Solutions is Path to Holistic and Equitable Recovery from Pandemic</p> <p>Organizer: NGO Committee on Financing for Development - Climate Finance Working Group and Others; Co-Sponsorship with the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations</p> <p>This side-event will showcase climate adaptation finance focusing on nature-based solutions as holistic and greener path to restore the well-being and recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. Panelist will speak as to their organizational initiative on financing NbS, current initiative, success as well as challenges and gaps. It is the hope of this forum to present recommendations calling all stakeholders to finance a more robust and stronger holistic and greener response to pandemic recovery and protection of nature.</p> <p><small>¹⁰The UN Secretary General’s State of the Planet Speech at Columbia University, 4 December 2020</small></p> <p>Contact: mmisolas@mksisters.org</p> <p>Registration details : Meeting Registration - Zoom Please see Concept Note here.</p>

	<p>Reforms to the international financial architecture for sustainable development: from theory to practice</p> <p>Organizer: Ministry of Economy, Argentina</p> <p>This session focuses on the need to reform the existing market approach to sovereign debt restructuring, and the possibility of working towards a multilateral framework. Specifically, the event addresses the question on how the implementation of a multilateral framework could look like in practice, answering questions such as: what is the best institutional design for a multilateral mechanism of this type? What specific tasks would it undertake? Is it convenient that it be based on an international treaty? What are the advantages of opting for a soft-law mechanism? Should the International Monetary Fund be involved in the implementation of this mechanism? And what would be its location in the organization chart of the United Nations?</p> <p>Contact: lqc@mrecic.gov.ar</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>A Rule of Law Based Approach to Sustainable Economic Recovery for Least Developed Countries: The contribution of ISP/LDCs as a dedicated public-private partnership for investment capacity development in the least developed countries</p> <p>Organizers: IDLO, UN-OHRLS, Permanent Mission of Malawi to the UN, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN, ISP/LDCs Steering Committee.</p> <p>The impact of the global crisis triggered by COVID-19 is being felt most severely by LDCs and by the most vulnerable people within them. It is becoming critical to develop new solutions to unlock LDCs’ capacity to create an enabling environment to attract FDI and access the resource flows required to finance their recovery efforts. Against the assessment by the LDCs of the path to their socio-economic recovery in preparation for the 2022 DOHA Conference, this Side Event will review the initial experience in implementing IDLO’s Investment Support Programme for the Least Developed Countries (ISP/LDCs)—a dedicated public-private partnership geared to supporting LDCs in managing and sustaining FDI. Discussions will focus on the distinctive features of the Programme and their contribution to innovation and enhanced impact in the international effort to support LDCs’ capacity development and help level the playing field in investment negotiations and the settlement of commercial disputes.</p> <p>Contact: fscala@idlo.int</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>

Thursday 15th April

<p>7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Risk-informed Financing Frameworks: Vulnerabilities, Local Realities and the Cost of Inaction</p> <p>Organizers: Government of Bangladesh (CWIS FSM Support Cell, Department of Public Health Engineering); Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM)</p> <p>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 highlights that sustainable development is only possible through a people-centered preventive approach to resilience. In this context, the Sendai Framework and the FfD agenda are inextricably linked. The adverse effects of disasters disproportionately affect communities in countries lagging behind in the realization of the 2030 Agenda. COVID-19 and its impacts has made this evident. It has urgently highlighted the need for financing frameworks and instruments to emphasize prevention and preparedness through financing for DRR and risk informed investment. This event will explore solutions for building resilience while advancing sustainable development (focus on SDG 5, 6, 11, 13) through risk-informed financing frameworks. It will also highlight the cost of inaction and how it affects local communities and marginalized peoples, such as women, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and further deepens development divides.</p> <p>Contact: valeria.drigo@gndr.org</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>What next on Financing for Development (FfD)? Reflections and mapping a way forward</p> <p>Organizer: Civil Society Financing for Development Group (including the Women’s Working Group on FfD)</p> <p>As the FfD Forum comes to a close this week, the FfD process cannot afford to be locked into agreed calendar dates when the world is faced with an unprecedented and unpredictable crisis. There remains a concerning mismatch between the scale of challenges facing us and the inability of the current FfD process modalities to generate the necessary political consensus for the ambitious decisions that are urgently required.</p> <p>In the context of the current multi-layered global crisis, agreeing on the next FfD conference would be crucial to work towards consensus on a global economic system that could foster systemic reforms while promoting human rights, gender equality, social equity and environmental justice. However, with the decision on where and when to hold the next conference being postponed to next year, it is imperative to explore new modalities to further advance the FfD Follow-up process.</p>

	<p>This side event will catalyse much-needed reflections on the informal and formal FfD discussions that have unfolded so far and map a way forward.</p> <p>Contact: stefanop@sidint.org</p> <p>Registration details : Meeting Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>"Sustainable Transportation: Driving Socio-Economic Transformation Towards A Resilient Recovery"</p> <p>Organizer: Government of Ghana</p> <p>There is a strong need for infrastructure investment in developing countries to enable them bounce back from the COVID - 19 pandemic and to promote continuous economic development. Increased foreign direct investment and private sector participation for infrastructure development is key in the attainment of infrastructure development outcomes.</p> <p>This High-Level Side event is aimed at exchanging views with various stakeholders on the role of sustainable transportation in post- COVID recovery and revitalization programmes; as part of efforts to accelerate the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Decade of Action and Delivery.</p> <p>Contact: monica.boham@mfa.gov.gh</p> <p>Registration details : Link to registration form</p>
	<p>Grass Roots Community-Based Research Findings: "Asks" to Strengthen Social Protection, Digital and Financial Inclusion, and Climate Finance in a Post-COVID-19 Era</p> <p>Organizer: NGO Committee on Financing for Development</p> <p>This side event presents a critical look at how adequate the AAAA and the Paris Agreement have been to meet their goals at the grassroots and how they have impacted Social Protection, Financial Inclusion and Climate Finance looking through the principle of "Leaving No One Behind". Primary data that was gathered by field surveys conducted in 7 countries regarding Social Protection, Financial Inclusion and Climate Finance both before and during the pandemic forms the basis for policy "asks" to strengthen Social Protection, Financial Inclusion and Climate Finance. This side event provides an opportunity for "Hearing People's Voices" of those impacted by the lack of adequate funding for social protection, financial inclusion and climate financing and reeling under the crisis caused by the pandemic.</p> <p>For more detailed information, the concept note and flyer can be found here: LINK</p> <p>Contact: thomaspollithanam@gmail.com</p>

	<p>Registration details : Meeting Registration - Zoom</p>
	<p>The FACTI report – how to take recommendations forward</p> <p>Organizer: ActionAid International</p> <p>This event is organized by ActionAid International, a Johannesburg based international NGO working for a world free from poverty and injustice and will focus on how to take the FACTI report recommendations forward. The event will focus in particular on recommendation 14 on Global Governance.</p> <p>Contact: ada@ms.dk</p> <p>Registration details : Meeting Registration - Zoom</p>
<p>1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Building the financing architecture for the full spectrum of SDG investment opportunities in LDCs</p> <p>Organizer: UNCDF</p> <p>This session will discuss the role of different types of finance across the investment continuum and how various stakeholders in the current development finance architecture can work together across the investment continuum to support investments in LDCs. The discussants will share challenges and gaps they face in investing in LDCs and make recommendations for how support at various points across the investment continuum can make a difference in mobilizing finance for LDCs.</p> <p>Contact: laura.sennett@uncdf.org</p> <p>Registration details : Webinar Registration - Zoom</p>