A global pandemic is a time of tough choices. The policy decisions taken now on COVID-19 will shape the fate of millions and define the future of nations. The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) experts are working to help decision makers prevent the world from sliding into a major depression. The following is a compilation from the latest research, analysis and policy advice from UN DESA.

Technology can help win the fight against COVID-19, but only with data privacy protection, digital inclusion and public-private partnerships. For more information, read the policy brief, “COVID-19: Embracing digital government during the pandemic and beyond”

The economic crisis triggered by COVID-19 may spread to developing countries faster than the disease itself. Commodity exporting countries have a critical window of opportunity to prepare for the pandemic, UNDESA’s recent policy brief finds.

An unprecedented crisis calls for bold actions! The international community must support countries most in need, with large-scale, coordinated stimulus package, including a large increase in access to concessional financing. For more information, read the policy brief, “Corona crisis causes turmoil in financial markets”.
How can we make sure the COVID-19 fiscal stimulus packages protect our jobs and incomes, and reach those most in need? For more information, read the policy brief, “Will fiscal stimulus plans protect the most vulnerable?”

The world economy could shrink by almost 1% due to the COVID-19 pandemic, says the latest UNDESA projection in “COVID-19: Disrupting lives, economies and societies”. Urgent and bold actions are needed to protect the most vulnerable and their jobs.