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SDG Moment 2020

Convened by the UN Secretary-General with

Heads of State, Heads of Government, SDG Stakeholders and the UN System

18 September 2020

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM EDT

Introduction

Convened by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, this Event will bring together Heads of State and Heads of Government of United Nations Member States as well as leaders from a range of SDG partners to identify the changes needed to recover better from COVID-19 and deliver the SDGs over the course of the decade.

The SDG Moment will:

- Set out a vision for a Decade of Action
- Provide a snapshot of SDG progress
- Highlight plans and actions to tackle major implementation gaps
- Demonstrate the power and impact of action and innovation by SDG stakeholders.

Virtual Meeting Information

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. (New York, EDT) on Friday, 18 September 2020 and is expected to end at 11:30 a.m. The Event will be available in all six official languages of the United Nations.

Meeting Access

Registered participants will be provided the connection link to the virtual platform.

Meeting deliberations may also be viewed on

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RUN OF SHOW

Opening Session (8:00)

Vision for the Decade of Action by His Excellency António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

Statement from a Health Worker by Dr. Noa Biran, Attending Physician, Multiple Myeloma Division, Hackensack University Medical Center

The People's address by Ms. Malala Yousafzai, United Nations Messenger of Peace and Nobel Laureate

SDG Advocates address by Her Excellency Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway and Co-Chair of the Secretary-General's SDG Advocates

Part 1: SDG Reality check (8:22)

SDG Progress – the Global Picture – Mr. Ola Rosling, President and Co-founder, Gapminder Foundation

SDG Progress – Region by Region Perspective – Video presentation from the Executive Secretaries of the UN Regional Economic and Social Commissions

SDG Progress – Implications and Solutions – Interactive presentation by the Principals of UN Development Programme, UN Women, and UN Environment Programme

Part 2: SDG Gaps and Plans (9:01)

Remarks by His Excellency Volkan Bozkır, President of the Seventy-Fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly

Interventions from regional organizations

Remarks by His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission

Remarks by Her Excellency Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission (TBC)

Interventions by nominated Heads of State and Heads of Government (9:12)

African States

His Excellency João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola

His Excellency Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana

His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

His Excellency Danny Faure, President of the Republic of Seychelles

His Excellency Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chair of the Africa Union

His Excellency Saad-Eddine El Othmani, Head of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco

Asia-Pacific States

His Excellency Michel Aoun, President of the Lebanese Republic

His Excellency Tommy Esang Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau

His Excellency K. P. Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

His Excellency Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa

Eastern European States

Her Excellency Salomé Zourabichvili, President of Georgia

His Excellency Stevo Pendarovski, President of the Republic of North Macedonia

His Excellency Borut Pahor, President of the Republic of Slovenia

His Excellency Boyko Borissov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Latin American and Caribbean States

His Excellency Alberto Fernández, President of the Republic of Argentina

His Excellency Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia

His Excellency Lenín Moreno Garcés, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador

His Excellency Martín Vizcarra Cornejo, President of the Republic of Peru

His Excellency Nicolás Maduro Moros, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Her Excellency Mia Amor Mottley, QC, MP, Prime Minister, Minister for National Security and the Civil Service, and Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment of Barbados

Western European and other States

His Excellency Alexander van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

His Excellency Sauli Niinistö, President of the Republic of Finland

Part 3: SDG Opportunity - contributions from stakeholders (10:40)

Conversation between the Secretary-General's SDG Advocates

Mr. Eddie Ndopu and Ms. Hindou Ibrahim

Finance for the Decade

(10:48)

Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Managing Director, World Bank Group

Ms. Busi Sibeko, Economist and Researcher, Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ)

Ms. Leila Fourie, Group CEO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange and Co-Chair, Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance (GISD)

Ms. Khalila Kellz Mbowe, CEO and Founder of Unleashed Africa Social Ventures Youth Disruption

Climate solutions

(11:03)

Ms. Nisreen Al Sayeem, Climate advocate, Sudan and SG Youth Climate Change Advisory Group

Mr. Brad Smith, President, Microsoft

Ms. Yvonne Aki-Sawyer, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone

Ms. Christiana Figueres, Climate Action Champion and Convener of Mission 2020

Inequality changemakers

(11:15)

Ms. Natasha Mwansa, Journalist and Health Advocate, Zambia

Mr. Danny Sriskandarajah, CEO, Oxfam

Ms. Hakima Abbas, Co-Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

Closing Segment

(11:24)

Remarks by His Excellency Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council

Closing reflections and next steps by Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

STAKEHOLDER SPEAKER BIOS

SDG Moment Speakers in alphabetical order

Photo	Name and Bio
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Hakima Abbas

Co-Executive Director

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

Hakima Abbas is an African feminist who has been active in social movements for two decades. Trained in international affairs, her work as a policy analyst, popular educator, advocate and strategist has focused on strengthening and supporting movements for transformation.

Ms. Abbas is author and co-editor of various articles and publications, including Africa's Long Road to Rights; From Roots to Branches: the African Diaspora in the Union Government; Aid and Reparations: Power in Development Discourse; Queer African Reader; People-led Transformation: African futures; and the Pan-Africanism and Feminism issues of Feminist Africa.

She has served as a board member to Greenpeace Africa, the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Eastern Africa, the African Sex Workers Alliance and the Center for Citizen Participation in the African Union, and in advisory roles to several donor initiatives including UHA – the East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative, the Heartland Alliance and The Other Foundation.



Yvonne Aki-Sawyers

Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone

Yvonne Aki-Sawyers, Order of British Empire (OBE) became Mayor of Freetown in May 2018 and dedicated herself to an inclusive vision of the city's renewal. Her three-year "Transform Freetown"

plan details 19 concrete targets across 11 sectors and covers issues ranging from tackling environmental degradation to facilitating the creation of jobs in the tourism sector.

Passionate about her country and the environment, Ms. Aki-Sawyers campaigned against the trade in "blood diamonds" during the Sierra Leone civil war and cofounded SLWT, a charity that has supported disadvantaged children for 20 years. A finance professional with more than 25 years of private sector experience in strategic planning and management, her public sector engagement began during the 2014 Ebola outbreak. As a leader in the wake of the epidemic, she drove the second phase of a multi-stakeholder program to energize Sierra Leone's socioeconomic recovery. She was awarded a gold medal by the President and an OBE by the Queen of England for her service.

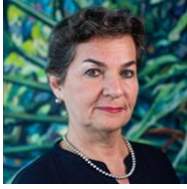


Dr. Noa Biran

Attending Physician, Multiple Myeloma Division of Hackensack University Medical Center

On the frontlines of the COVID-19 response, Dr Noa Biran experienced first-hand how the pandemic unfolded in her community, at her hospital and with her patients many already vulnerable.

Noa Biran, MD, joined the Myeloma Division at John Theurer Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center in September 2014. Dr. Biran previously served as Chief Fellow of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York. She received her medical degree from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. As a fellow at Icahn School of Medicine, Dr. Biran participated in numerous lecture series and training sessions for medical students, residents, and nurse practitioners



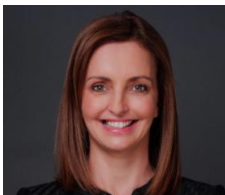
Christiana Figueres

Climate Action Champion and Convener of Mission 2020

Christiana Figueres was appointed Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in July 2010 and reappointed for a second three-year term in July 2013. During the next six years she worked to rebuild the global climate change negotiating process, leading to the 2015 Paris Agreement, widely recognized as a historical achievement.

Ms. Figueres has been involved in climate change negotiations since 1995. Initially a member of the Costa Rican negotiating team, she was also a member of the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism and Vice President of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties in 2008-2009.

In 1995 she founded the Centre for Sustainable Development of the Americas (CSDA), a non-profit think tank for climate change policy and capacity-building, which she directed until 2003. Before that, she served as Director of the Technical Secretariat, Renewable Energy in the Americas (REIA).



Leila Fourie

Group CEO of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange

Co-Chair, Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance (GISD)

Dr Leila Fourie was appointed the CEO of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in October 2019. She has extensive and diverse experience in local and multinational companies, including Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Australian Payments Network, Accenture and Standard Bank, and a wealth of experience in capital market products and technology.

Dr Fourie is also the Co-Chair of the GISD Alliance which works on aligning business operations, finances and investments with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Dr Fourie holds a PhD in economic and financial sciences and is a graduate of the University of Johannesburg.



Hindou Ibrahim

SDG Advocate

Hindou Ibrahim is the Coordinator of the Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad (AFPAT) and served as the co-director of the pavilion of the World Indigenous Peoples' Initiative at COP21, COP22 and COP23.

Ms. Ibrahim serves in a number of leadership capacities advocating for the importance of indigenous knowledge in mitigating the effects of climate change. She is co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, representing the group at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and of the Pan-African Alliance Climate Justice (PACJA), where she also acts as the chair of recruitment. She is also a member of the Policy Board United Nations: Indigenous Peoples Partnership (UNIPP) and of the Executive Committee for the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC).



Khalila Kellz Mbowe

CEO & Founder of Unleashed Africa Social Ventures Youth disruption

Khalila Sandrah Mbowe (Kellz); Social Innovator and Social Entrepreneur, Founder & C.E.O of Unleashed Africa Social Ventures, Creative Performance Director and Performer, Speaker and trainer, and an African Transformation advocate. She is a creative innovator who works at the intersection of youth development, social innovation, gender, arts & development and job creation. Through her work, she is focused on reimagining and redefining how Africa engages technology and innovation towards youth development and job creation.

She is driven to build strong African brands focused on the continent's socio-economic transformation.

Ms. Mbowe is the Curator of the Dar Global Shaper hub (Initiative of the World Economic Forum), a Raisina young fellow, an Acumen Fellow, an Ashoka fellow, and an MBA pursuant at the prestigious African Leadership University School of Business (ALUSB).



Natasha Mwansa

Journalist and Health Advocate, Zambia

Born and raised in Zambia, Ms. Mwansa received her diploma at Lusaka Secondary School and is taking a gap year before further embarking on higher education. As a Junior Reporter, Child Journalist, Child and Women's Rights Advocate, and an Activist at the Media Network on Child Rights and Development, she is responsible for gathering and disseminating information and tracking stakeholder progress. Through her work, she was selected to be part of the African Union Commission's Youth Advisory Board. Additionally, she also is the Social Accountability Monitor at Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Dissemination Service. As an advocate, Ms. Mwansa is proud of being in the process of

starting an initiative that will foster young people to take radical action and foster positive change.

Ms. Mwansa advocates for girls and women because she believes that girls have untapped power and will stop at nothing until it is unleashed.



Eddie Ndopu

SDG Advocate

Eddie Ndopu is an award winning, internationally acclaimed activist and humanitarian. Mr. Ndopu currently serves as Special Advisor to RTW Investments, a leading investor in scientific and medical innovation. He has also advised organizations such as the World Economic Forum, UN Women and Amnesty International. Mr. Ndopu holds a Master's in Public Policy from Oxford University and is currently setting in motion plans to deliver a televised address to the UN from Space, in an effort to inspire greater ambition around the SDGs. This will make him the first physically disabled person to travel into space.



Ola Rosling

President and Co-founder of the Gapminder Foundation

Ola Rosling is President & Co-Founder of Gapminder Foundation which he founded together with his wife and his father. Since 1999 Mr. Rosling lead the development of the Trendalyzer software, which was acquired by Google in 2007. At Google Mr. Rosling and his team delivered the Motion Chart as part of Google Spreadsheets. As Product Manager for Google Public Data Mr. Rosling helped democratized access to Public Statistics by developing the infrastructure needed to make official statistics part of Google Search results. Mr. Rosling came back to Gapminder in 2011 to develop free teaching materials for a fact-based worldview. In 2014 Mr. Rosling coined the term Factfulness, which Gapminder is now promoting in order to make the education

about Sustainable Development less ideological and more fact-based. Together with Mrs. Rosling, he wrote the Factfulness book, launched in April 2018.



Nisreen Al Sayeem

Climate advocate, Sudan and SG Youth Climate Change Advisory Group

Chair of the Sudan Youth Organization on Climate Change and Coordinator of Youth and Environment

Nisreen al Sayeem is a junior negotiator at United Nations (UN) Climate Talks for the African Group of Negotiators and a co-organizer of the UN Youth Climate Summit. She has been doing climate change and environmental activism since 2012.



Busi Sibeko

Economist and Researcher, Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ)

Busi Sibeko is a Researcher at the IEJ. Her current research focus is macroeconomic policy, including tax justice, fiscal and monetary policy, and participatory budgeting to advance socio-economic rights. Ms. Sibeko also provides research support to the labour constituency and is currently exploring feminist political economy, determined to be a part of unwinding structural injustice.

Ms. Sibeko holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Duke University and a Masters in the Political Economy of Development from SOAS, University of London.



Brad Smith

President of Microsoft

Brad Smith is the president of Microsoft, where he leads a team of more than 1,400 business, legal and corporate affairs professionals in 56 countries. Mr. Smith serves as the company's chief legal officer and leads work on a wide range of issues involving the intersection between technology and society, including cybersecurity, privacy, ethics and artificial intelligence, human rights, immigration, philanthropy and environmental sustainability. Described by the New York Times as "a de facto ambassador for the technology industry at large".

Microsoft announced, in 2020, a new plan to be carbon negative by 2030 bringing a private sector coalition including Danone, Maersk, Mercedes, Natura, Nike, Starbucks, Unilever and Wipro.



Axel van Trotsenburg

Managing Director of the World Bank Group

Axel van Trotsenburg (@AxelVT_WB) is the World Bank Managing Director of Operations since October 1, 2019. Mr. van Trotsenburg oversees the Bank's operational program and ensures that its delivery model continues to meet the needs of client countries. He also builds support and mobilizes financial resources across the international community for efforts to assist low and middle-income countries. Mr. van Trotsenburg was Acting World Bank CEO from September 2 – 30, 2019 and served as World Bank Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean from February 2019.



Danny Sriskandarajah

CEO of Oxfam

Danny Sriskandarajah is Chief Executive Officer of Oxfam. Previously, he was the Secretary General of CIVICUS, a global alliance of civil society organizations. Prior to that, Mr. Sriskandarajah was Director General of the Royal Commonwealth Society, a large NGO devoted to Commonwealth affairs based in London, and was the first non-British and youngest person to head this 140-year-old organization. From 2004 to 2009 he worked as Deputy Director of the think-tank, Public Policy Research.

In 2018, Danny was announced as a member of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation, co-chaired by Jack Ma and Melissa Gates.



Malala Yousafzai

United Nations Messenger of Peace and Nobel Laureate

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani activist who, at the age of 17 in 2014, became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize after surviving an assassination attempt by the Taliban at age 15. Ms. Yousafzai became an advocate for girls' education when she herself was still a child, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. In 2013, she gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book, *I Am Malala*. In 2014 Ms. Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in recognition of their efforts on behalf of children's rights.

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