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SDG Moment 2021

Convened by the United Nations Secretary-General

Monday, 20 September 2021

Time and Date: 8am–12pm; 2pm–5pm; Monday 20 September 2021

Format and venue: Virtual - SDG Studio, General Assembly Hall, Online

08:00 [Opening Segment](#)

Welcome by the moderators

- Ms. Juju Chang, ABC News
- Mr. Sherwin Bryce Pease, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation

Opening film on the SDGs

Opening Statement by the H.E. Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

Opening statement by H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the UN General Assembly

The State of SDG progress

- Ms. Claire Casey, Global Head of Policy and Thought Leadership at The Economist Group.

Remarks and introduction to Special Guest by His Excellency, Mr. Moon Jae-in, President of Republic of Korea

Remarks and performance by BTS, Special Envoy for Future Generations and Culture

08:40 **[Part 1: Leveraging the COVID-19 Response and Recovery to accelerate SDG implementation](#)**

Intergenerational dialogue with Ms. Graça Machel (SDG Advocate)

Roundtable debate on leveraging the COVID-19 Response and Recovery to accelerate SDG implementation

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization
- Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UN Development Programme

09:15 **[Part 2: Plans, pathways, and partners for Recovery and beyond](#)**

Statement by H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC

Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Secretary-General's SDG Advocates

- H.E. Mr. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana
- H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway

09:30 **Contributions from Heads of State or Government**

Africa

- H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah Al Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya
- H.E. Mr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi
- H.E. Mr. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique
- H.E. Mr. Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- H.E. Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia
- H.E. Mr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Head of State/Government of Cabo Verde (tbc)
- Head of State/Government of Sudan (tbc)
- Head of State/Government of Tunisia (tbc)

10:20 **Spotlight on pathways and partners:**
Connectivity: Narrowing the digital divide

Moderated dialogue

- **Ms. Paula Ingabire, Minister of Information, Communication, Technology and Innovation, Government of Rwanda**
- **Mr. Bill Tai, Chairman and Co-Founder, ACTAI Global**
- **Ms. Valentina Munoz Rabanal (SDG Advocate)**

10:40 **Contributions from Heads of State or Government**

Asia and the Pacific

- H.E. Mr. David Kabua, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- H.E. Mr. Suga Yoshihide, Prime Minister of Japan
- H.E. Mr. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- H.E. General (Ret.) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand
- Head of State/Government of China (tbc)

11:05 **Reflections and perspectives:**

- **Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme**
- **Ms. Mari Pangestu, World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships**

11:12 **Spotlight on pathways and partners:**
Achieving gender equality – Women Powering the Economic Recovery

Moderated dialogue

- **Dr. Sima Sami Bahous, Executive Director, UN Women**
- **Ms. Melinda Gates, Gates Foundation**
- **TBC**

11:45 **Break for lunch – Join [UN Global Compact Uniting Business Live](#)**

14.00 [Part 2: Plans, pathways, and partners for Recovery and beyond \(continued\)](#)

14:01 **Spotlight on pathways and partners**
Youth in Action: Shaping the future now!

Youth-led solutions film

Moderated virtual dialogue:

- **Mr. Vladislav Kaim, Moldova (Member, UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change)**
- **Ms. Yande Banda, Zambia (Chairperson, Transform Education)**

14:25 **Contributions from Heads of State or Government**

Latin America and the Caribbean

- H.E. Mr. Luis Alberto Arce Catacora, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
- H.E. Mr. Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia
- H.E. Mr. Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr. Miguel Díaz Canel Bermúdez, President of the Republic of Cuba
- H.E. Mr. Alejandro Giammattei Falla, President of the Republic of Guatemala
- H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana
- H.E. Mr. Laurentino Cortizo Cohen, President of the Republic of Panama
- H.E. Mr. Pedro Castillo Terrones, President of the Republic of Peru
- H.E. Mr. Gaston Alphonso Browne, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Corporate Governance of Antigua and Barbuda

15:05 **Reflections and perspectives:**

- Mr. Elliot Harris, UN Chief Economist and Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Ms. Solange Maria Pinto Ribeiro, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Neoenergia and Vice-Chair of the board of UN Global Compact

15:15 **Spotlight on pathways and partners**
Localizing the SDGs: Delivering for and with people

Video on Local 2030 coalition

Moderated dialogue

- Ms. Marina Sereni, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Italy
- Ms. Yvonne Aki-Sawyer, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Ms. Patricia Miranda Menezes, Co-founder, Rede ODS Brasil

15:35 **Contributions from remaining Heads of State or Government**

UN Economic Commission for Europe region

- H.E. Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary
- H.E. Mr. Gitanas Nausėda, President of the Republic of Lithuania
- H.E. Mr. Gian Carlo Venturini II & His Excellency Mr. Marco Nicolini I, Captains Regent of the Republic of San Marino
- H.E. Ms. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark
- H.E. Mrs. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, Prime Minister of Spain
- H.E. Mr. Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden

16:05 **Spotlight on pathways and partners 5**
Effective and inclusive Institutions: For Justice, equality and trust

Future proofing institutions to accelerate SDG implementation – Virtual ted-talk by Ms. Cat Tully, Founder, School of International Futures

Moderated dialogue:

- **Dr. Wayne Henry, Director General Planning Institute of Jamaica**
- **Ms. Pupul Bisht, Founder, Decolonizing Futures Initiative**
- **Mr. Salil Shetty, Vice President, Global Programs, Open Society Foundations**

16:30 **Reflections and perspectives:**

- **Representative of Civil Society**
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16:40 **Closing Segment: The Way Ahead**

Closing reflections

Moderated dialogue:

- Ms. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General
- Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals

Closing film

17:00 **Meeting Close**