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Final Programme





Convened by the United Nations Secretary-General

Monday, 20 September 2021, 8am-5pm ET

**Live on [UN Web TV](#) from
the UN General Assembly hall
and the SDG Studio**

08:00 **[Opening Segment](#)**

Welcome by the moderators

- Mr. Sherwin Bryce Pease, UN Bureau Chief, South African Broadcasting Corporation
- Ms. Juju Chang, ABC News Co-anchor, Nightline, ABC News

Opening film on the SDGs: The World's To-Do List

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

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

Presentation on the State of SDG progress

- Ms. Claire Casey, Global Head of Policy and Insights at Economist Impact

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

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

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

Intergenerational dialogue with SDG Advocates Ms. Graça Machel and Ms. Valentina Munoz Rabanal

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 the Economic and Social Council

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 and 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
- H.E. Mr. José Ulisses Correia e Silva, Prime Minister and Minister of Reform of the Republic of Cabo Verde
- H.E. Mr. Abdalla Adam Hamdok, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Sudan
- 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. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union

10:40 **Contributions from Heads of State and 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. General (Ret.) Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

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:**
The gender equality imperative
- Gender Equality film**
- Moderated dialogue**
- Dr. Sima Sami Bahous, Executive Director Designate, UN Women
 - Ms. Melinda French Gates, Co-Chair and Trustee, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 11:45** **Break – 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, Member, UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change
 - Yande, Chairperson, Transform Education
- 14:25** **Contributions from Heads of State and 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***

Launch of the Local2030 coalition

Moderated dialogue

- Mr. Giorgio Marrapodi, General Director of Development Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, 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 and 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**
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:**
- Mr. Stefano Prato, Coordinator, Civil Society Financing for Development Group
 - Mr. Mark Kato Nabimany, Fellow, International Disability Alliance
 - Ms. Ayman Babar, Researcher, Roots for Equity
- 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: Progress is Possible**
- 17:00** **Meeting Close**