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: A checklist for the world

Opening Statement by the H.E. 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 Special Guest
**08:40**  
Part 1: Leveraging the COVID-19 Response and Recovery to accelerate SDG implementation

Intergenerational dialogue between Ms. Graça Machel (SDG Advocate) and Ms. Malala Yousufzai (tbc)

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

- Statement by His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana, Co-Chair of the Secretary-General’s SDG Advocates
- Statement by H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway, Co-Chair of the Secretary-General’s SDG Advocates

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

Moderated dialogue

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

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)
- Head of State/Government of Malaysia (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

11:45  Break for lunch – UN Global Compact Uniting Business Live (tbc)
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 (UN Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Group Member)  
- **Ms. Yande Banda**, Zambia (Young changemaker for gender equalities and education)

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

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

- **H.E. Luis Alberto Arce Catacara**, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia  
- **H.E. Iván Duque Márquez**, President of the Republic of Colombia  
- **H.E. Carlos Alvarado Quesada**, President of the Republic of Costa Rica  
- **H.E. Miguel Díaz Canel Bermúdez**, President of the Republic of Cuba  
- **H.E. Alejandro Giammattei Falla**, President of the Republic of Guatemala  
- **H.E. Laurentino Cortizo Cohen**, President of the Republic of Panama  
- **H.E. 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  
- Head of State/Government of Guyana (tbc)

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  
- Mr. Davis Ige, Governor of Hawaii  
- 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

**Europe**

- 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. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejó, 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, Futures researcher  
- Mr. Salil Shetty, 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 and the way ahead
Moderated dialogue:

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

Closing film: Keeping the Promise

17:00 **Meeting Close**