



Monday 25 April

10:00–10:30 **Opening of the Forum** [Formal meeting - in-person only (participants on the virtual platform can view the proceedings)]

Chair: H.E. Ambassador Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC

Opening statement by H.E. Dr. Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi, President of Botswana

Remarks by H.E. Abdulla Shahid, President of the General Assembly

Remarks by H.E. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ms. Nisreen Elsaim, elected Chair, Secretary-General Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change

10:30–12:00 **Financing the SDGs by increasing fiscal space for an inclusive and sustainable recovery** [Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation]

This session will address how the uneven and uncertain global economic outlook is impacting: 1) financing for vaccines and other health-related expenditures necessary to bring an end to the pandemic; and 2) the long-term SDG financing landscape including the financing for health systems and pandemic preparedness in developing countries in line with SDG 3. Governments will reflect on the impact of the global economic situation including the monetary policy shift in major developed economies on the ability of developing countries to invest in the SDGs and present actionable proposals to bridge financing gaps.

Guiding questions:

1. What lessons can be learned from the first two years of the pandemic to finance the international coordinated health response and ensure equitable and affordable access to vaccines in developing countries?
2. What immediate international support measures can be taken to address shrinking fiscal space and liquidity needs in the most vulnerable developing countries?
3. How can enhanced policy coordination facilitate a smooth transition to a higher interest rate environment, ensuring global financial stability, avoiding negative spillover effect to developing countries and minimizing adverse impacts on debt sustainability and access to financing in developing countries?

Chair: H.E. Jukka Salovaara (Finland), Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia and H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, President of the Government of Spain

Moderator: Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator

H.E. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission

H.E. Dr. Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health, Ethiopia

H.E. Ms. Matilda Ernkrans, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden

H.E. Mr. Bounleua Sinxayvoravong, Deputy Minister of Finance, Lao PDR

Mr. Bo Li, Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Lead discussant: Ms. Bhumika Muchhala, Third World Network

15:00–17:00 **Aligning the global debt architecture with the SDGs: What will it take? [Informal meeting - in-person only]**

This session will explore: 1) the benefits of DSSI and the Common Framework and steps to make current initiatives work more effectively, including improving information and the role of credit rating agencies, e.g. the procyclicality of sovereign credit ratings; 2) suggestions for greater use of innovative instruments that link increasing debt repayment capacity to risk exposure i.e., state-contingent debt instruments and other measures of international support; and 3) steps to create the conditions to reform the international debt architecture.

Guiding questions:

1. Learning from past debt relief initiatives, what steps can be taken to facilitate fair and efficient write-downs when necessary to give countries greater room for investing in sustainable development?
2. What action can be taken by multilateral and official bilateral creditors to encourage private sector participation in debt renegotiations?
3. What scope exists to address the procyclicality of sovereign credit ratings?

Chair: H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of ECOSOC

Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Keith C. Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

Moderator: Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Jadaan, Minister of Finance, Saudi Arabia

H.E. Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Minister of Economy, Civil Service and Communications, Fiji

H.E. Mr. Matia Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda (tbc)

Mr. Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank, Chair of MDBs

Mr. Clay Lowery, Executive Vice President for Research & Policy, Institute of International Finance

Lead discussant: Ms. Iolanda Fresnillo, Eurodad

17:00–17:10 Introduction of FSDR [Informal meeting - in-person only]

Chair: H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of ECOSOC

Presentation of the Financing for Sustainable Development Report by Mr. LIU Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

17:10-18:00 General Debate [Informal meeting - in-person with pre-recorded video statements]

Chair: H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of ECOSOC

Tuesday 26 April

10:00–12:00 Special High-level Meeting with Bretton Woods Institutions, WTO and UNCTAD [Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation]

Theme: Securing an Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery

Chair: H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of ECOSOC

Statements by intergovernmental representatives:

- *H.E. Ambassador Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of the Economic and Social Council*
- *H.E. Ms. Azucena Arbeleche, Minister of Economy and Finance, Uruguay and Chair of the Development Committee*
- *H.E. Ms. Nadia Calviño, First Vice President and Minister for Economy and Digitalization, Spain and Chair of the IMFC*
- *H.E. Ms. Maimuna Kibenga Tarishi, President, Trade and Development Board President, UNCTAD*

Interactive Dialogue with Executive Directors of World Bank and IMF

Moderator: Mr. David Fairman, Managing Director, Consensus Building Institute

Opening remarks

- Mr. Merza Hasan, Dean of the Board of Executive Directors, WBG

- Ms. Ita Mannathoko, Chair of the IMF's Committee on Liaison with the World Bank and Other International Organizations

Topic 1: Just and sustainable recovery

Topic 2: External debt

15:00–18:00 General Debate [Informal meeting - in-person with pre-recorded video statements]

Chair: H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of ECOSOC (15:00-16:30)

Chair: H.E. Diego Pary Rodríguez (Plurinational State of Bolivia), Vice-President of ECOSOC (16:30-18:00)

Wednesday 27 April

10:00–12:00 **Building a fair and effective tax system and combatting illicit financial flows** [Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation]

This session will discuss the way forward for international tax reform, and domestic resource mobilization as well as public financial management to ensure that developing countries can increase fiscal space and their capability to manage current and future risks. It will also look at the policies and institutional mechanisms that can help staunch the leakage from illicit financial flows, including tax evasion and avoidance, and contribute to greater resource mobilization to achieve the SDGs.

Guiding questions:

1. What steps can governments take to raise revenue to generate additional fiscal space for investments in the SDGs?
2. How can tax systems be used to make progress on the SDGs in areas such as inequalities, health, the environment, and social protection?
3. How can it be ensured that international agreements regarding the taxation of the digital economy respond to and benefit developing countries?

Chair: H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), President of ECOSOC

Moderator: Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

H.E. Ms. Anne Beathe Kristiansen Tvinnerheim, Minister of International Development, Norway

H.E. Prince Clem Agba, Minister of State Budget and National Planning, Nigeria

H.E. Mr. Pavel Ernesto Isa Contreras, Vice-minister of Planning, Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Development, Dominican Republic

H.E. Augustus J. Flomo, Deputy Minister for Economic Management, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Liberia

H.E. Ms. Antonette C. Tionko, Undersecretary of Corporate Affairs Group and Revenue Operations Group of the Department of Finance of the Philippines

Mr. Yoshiki Takeuchi, Deputy Secretary-General of OECD

Lead discussants:

Mr. Logan Wort, Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)

Ms. Chenai Mukumba, Tax Justice Network Africa

15:00–16:00 **Boosting private investment in the SDGs** [Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation]

This session will look at different private financing sources that can be leveraged as well as market and public policy levers needed to mobilize private investment in the SDGs in developing countries. Discussions will also highlight financing strategies and measures to increase the long-term sustainability and resilience of such investments for present and future generations, including through more effective infrastructure asset management policies and practices. It will also offer developing country perspectives on the global norms and standards that are under development to measure the impact of sustainable investments.

Guiding questions:

1. What public policies and regulatory frameworks will facilitate the participation of developing countries in the burgeoning SDG bond market?
2. What policy frameworks should be put in place to address information gaps and asymmetries to boost FDI in SDG-relevant sectors in developing countries?
3. How can developing country perspectives be adequately captured in sustainability norms and standards?

Chair: H.E. Suriya Chindawongse (Thailand), Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana

Moderator: Ms. Liz Bronder, Managing Director, Global Sustainable Finance, Bank of America

H.E. Mr. Sosten Alfred Gwengwe MP, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, Malawi

H.E. Mr. Narantsogt Sanjaa, Deputy Minister of Economy and Development, Mongolia

Ms. Elizabeth Boggs Davidsen, Vice President, Office of Development Policy, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

Mr. Marc-André Blanchard, Executive Vice President and Head of CDPQ Global

Lead discussants:

Ms. Mardi McBrien, Managing Director, IFRS Foundation

Mr. Rodolfo Lahoy, IBON International

16:00-17:00 Expanding concessional finance aligned with national sustainable development strategies [Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation]

This session will explore the adjustments needed in policy frameworks and instruments that can help expand bilateral and multilateral finance. Discussions will center on the lessons from COVID-19 for fostering more risk informed and resilient international development cooperation to achieve the SDGs and address global crises, building on the 2021 High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum.

Guiding questions:

1. How can international cooperation be leveraged and oriented to better support responses to challenges such as pandemic preparedness, biodiversity, climate action and disaster-risk reduction at country level?

2. What lessons can be drawn from the COVID-19 experience on how to strengthen the importance and relevance of effective development cooperation?
3. What measures can be taken to enhance the lending and response capacity of public development banks to invest in the SDGs?

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Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia

Moderator: Mr. Masood Ahmed, President, Center for Global Development

H.E. Mr. Francisco André, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal

H.E. Mr. Sani Yaya, Minister of Economy and Finance, Togo

Mr. Erivaldo Gomes, Secretary of International Economic Affairs, Brazil

Ms. Titta Maja, Director General, Department for Development Policy of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Mr. George Yaw Gyan-Baffour, Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Finance, Ghana

Lead discussant:

Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

Thursday 28 April

10:00–11:00 **Sustainable and just transition** [\[Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation\]](#)

The United Nations plays a key role in ensuring that the energy transition, including any instruments to implement such transition at an international level, produce a sustainable outcome for all stakeholders. This session will explore finance and policy tools, incentives and international coordination needed to support developing countries' transition to sustainable economies.

Guiding questions:

1. What policy and practical measures can encourage the transition to net-zero in developing countries, taking into consideration their national circumstances?
2. What are the respective roles for financial sector regulations and fiscal and monetary policies in addressing climate risks and enabling a sustainable and just transition?
3. How can we facilitate/advance a shared understanding of the minimum effective carbon price? How can carbon pricing and market-based measures contribute to the energy transition, and what are opportunities for collaboration among countries?

Chair: H.E. Lachezara Stoeva (Bulgaria), Vice-President of ECOSOC

Keynote addresses by H.E. Mr. Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President of the Republic of Costa Rica (virtual) and H.E. Mr. Saulos Klaus Chilima, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi (in-person) ¹

Moderator: Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General, ILO)

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Maait, Minister of Finance, Egypt

Mr. Roberto Suárez Santos Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers

Mr. Frank Elderson, Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank and former Chair of NGFS

Ms. Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, ITUC

Lead discussant: Ms. Emilia Reyes, Women's Working Group on FfD

11:00–12:00 Digital transition: opportunities and risks [Informal meeting - in-person and virtual participation]

This session will explore 1) innovative financing models and regulatory policies to scale up investment in digital infrastructure and infrastructure digitization to achieve universal digital connectivity and inclusion; 2) the impact of crypto assets and digital currencies, including central banks digital currencies (CBDCs), on financial stability, their implications for developing countries and potential policy responses, including to prevent tax leakages.

Guiding questions:

1. What are the barriers and financing solutions to greater investment in digital infrastructure in developing countries?
2. What role is there for public-private partnerships and blended finance to promote additional investment in the sector? "How are innovative financing models and regulatory policies impacting the 21st century production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services?"
3. What measures can central banks and regulators in developing countries take to address the potential spillovers and macrofinancial impacts of crypto assets, so-called global "stablecoins" and central bank digital currencies?

Keynote addresses by H.E. Ms. Kalina Konstantinova, Deputy Prime Minister for Effective Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria

Moderator: Ms. Cathy Mulligan, ERA Chair, University of Lisbon and member of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel for Digital Cooperation

H.E. Mr. Jonathan Titus-Williams Deputy Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Sierra Leone

Mr. Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Mr. Costas Stephanou, Head of Financial Stability Analysis, Financial Stability Board

Ms. Liv Marte Nordhaug, Co-Lead, Digital Public Goods Alliance

¹ The Vice President will join the panel as a panelist following his keynote address.

Lead discussant: Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, IT for Change

15:00–16:00 **General Debate** [Informal meeting - in-person with pre-recorded video statements]

Chair: President of ECOSOC

16:00–18:00 **Closing of the Forum** [Formal meeting - in-person only]

Chair: President of ECOSOC

Closing remarks by the Deputy Secretary-General

Adoption of the Outcome Document

Closing statement by the President of ECOSOC