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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: 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 H.E. Mr. 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**

(Full list of Member State speakers to be shared in the coming days)

- Member State 1-10

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**

- Member State 11-15

- 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 – 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 (UN Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Group Member)
 - Ms. Yande Banda, Zambia (Chairperson, Transform Education)
- 14:25** Contributions from Heads of State or Government
- Member State 16-25
- 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

- Member State 26-32

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, Vice President, Global Programs, Open Society Foundations

16:30 Reflections and perspectives:

- Representative of Civil Society
- Representative of Civil Society
- Representative of Civil Society

16:40 Closing Segment: The Way Ahead

Closing reflections and the way ahead

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: Keeping the Promise

17:00 Meeting Close