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HLPF Special Event

Messages from the Regional Commissions Accelerating the 2030 Agenda and building back better from COVID-19

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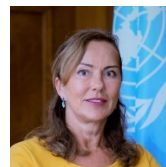
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Ms. Alicia Barcena, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Context

We enter the second triennium of the ambitious 2030 Agenda with a global COVID-19 pandemic affecting people, prosperity, our planet and peace. As the UN Secretary General has recently said, by committing now to building back better from the pandemic, we can use the recovery from the effects of COVID-19 to secure a more sustainable and resilient future.

But where do we need to build back better?

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a framework for identifying priorities for action. With its 17 Sustainable Development Goals, 169 targets and 231 indicators, the 2030 Agenda global monitoring framework can be used to understand where do we stand now and identify priorities for action – globally, regionally and nationally.

The UN Regional Commissions are the regional hubs of the UN Development System. The Regional Commissions share key objectives aiming to foster economic integration at the subregional and regional levels, promoting regional implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, and bridging economic, social and environmental gaps among member countries and subregions. These objectives are achieved by promoting multilateral dialogue, knowledge sharing and networking at the regional level, and working together to promote intra-regional and inter-regional cooperation.



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Objective

This special event brings together governments, development partners, UN entities, the private sector, and academia together to promote knowledge sharing and inter-regional cooperation. The special-event will discuss a region-by-region analysis of the current progress towards the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and address the following topics:

- Where do we stand now in relation to progress with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
- Are we making sufficient progress on all Sustainable Development Goals?
- How is data helping our efforts to measure progress?

Programme

Moderator: Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Format – 45 minute duration

- Opening remarks by **Ms. Vera Songwe**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (3 mins)
- Presentation of regional results by **Ms Gemma Van Halderen**, Director, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (15 mins)
- Moderated discussion including
 - **Ms Olga Algayerova**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (3 mins) TBC
 - **Ms Rola Dashti**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) (3 mins)
- Audience participation (13 mins)
- Closing remarks by **Ms. Alicia Barcena**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (5 mins)

Participants:

- All member states will be invited through their missions to the UN
- Representatives of international organizations, private sector, academia, and major groups and other stakeholders will participate

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