The Regional Dimension in the 2020 High Level Political Forum: Regional transformations towards the SDGs in a COVID-19 Era

Official HLPF programme

- **Week 1:** Regional perspectives in the thematic sessions
- **Week 2 - Ministerial segment:** Wednesday, 15 July, 9 – 10 AM “Regional transformations towards the SDGs in a COVID-19 era”

**VNR Lab**

**VNR Lab:** Innovative approaches to spur action and delivery on the 2030 Agenda: lessons from the regions. Thursday, 9 July, 7:00 – 8:00 am (EST)

**Side-events:**

- **7 July, 8-9 AM:** Fast-tracking the SDGs: driving Asia-Pacific transformations
- **9 July, 8-9 AM:** A call for transformation in the Arab region – key entry points for SDG action and acceleration in the Arab region in the context of COVID-19 ([The Arab Sustainable Development Report 2020](#))
- **10 July, 8-9 AM:** Scaling up Voluntary Local Reviews to boost sub-national action to step up implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in Africa.
- **10 July, 8-9 AM:** The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the new global and regional context: Scenarios and projections in the current crisis (Latin America and the Caribbean)
- **13 July 2020, 7:30-9 AM:** Regional mechanisms for peer support to Voluntary National Reviews- The VNR Twinning experience
- **13 July, 6-7:30 PM:** Accelerating Transformative Pathways for Equitable Development in Small Island Developing States: A Focus on Environment, Climate Action and Agriculture in Papua New Guinea, Asia Pacific Region
COVID-19: Regional Analysis and Policy Responses

ECA

Research and analysis

- The Impact of Covid-19 on Africa’s energy sector and the role of RE to empower a long term and sustainable recovery (Publication – June 2020)

Resources

- ECA COVID-19 Response: Publications, Events, Presentations and other Resources
- Africa UN Knowledge Hub for COVID-19

News and press releases

- Call for Expression of Interest: Africa making moves to manufacture its own medicines (Press release – 24 June 2020)
- Renewable energy investments crucial in Africa’s efforts to build back better post COVID-19 (Press release – 24 June 2020)
- Over 600 million mobile subscribers in Africa to benefit from first-of-its-kind digital health platform (Press release – 23 June 2020)
- COVID-19: Africa and the United States to remain key partners, says President Kagame (Press release – 23 June 2020)
- Treat climate crisis with same urgency as COVID-19 pandemic; new ECA paper (Press release – 23 June 2020)
- Online Launch Event: Africa Communication and Information Platform (ACIP) for Health and Economic Action (Media alert – 19 June 2020)
- Africa’s path to COVID-19 recovery requires boldness, says Vera Songwe (Press release – 17 June 2020)
- Impact of COVID19 can open up new avenues for structural transformation in North Africa (Press release – 16 June 2020)
- Six United Nations statistical offices work together to support countries in managing the COVID-19 pandemic (Press release – 16 June 2020)
- COVID-19: Science, technology and innovation key to Africa’s recovery, says Songwe (Press release – 15 June 2020)

ECLAC

Research and analysis
Fiscal Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2020: fiscal policy amid the crisis arising from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

- Food systems and COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean N° 8: The opportunity for digital transformation
- Food systems and COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean N° 7: The role of social protection measures
- Food systems and COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean N° 6: Contingency plan for an eventual food supply crisis
- Preventing the COVID-19 crisis from becoming a food crisis: Urgent measures against hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Trabajadoras remuneradas del hogar en América Latina y el Caribe frente a la crisis del COVID-19

Resources

- COVID-19 Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

News and press releases

- Deepening Regional Integration Must Be an Essential Component of Any Strategy for Emerging from the Crisis in Order to Move Towards More Sustainable and Resilient Trade
- Alicia Bárcena Calls for Putting Poverty Eradication at the Center of Debate and Building Back Better with Equality and Sustainability
- ECLAC Calls for Moving Towards a Big Push for Sustainability as a Strategy for Emerging from the Current Crisis
- ECLAC's COVID-19 Observatory: An Instrument Supporting Latin America and the Caribbean in Times of Pandemic
- ECLAC Reaffirms its Commitment to Supporting Caribbean Countries on Their Path Towards a Sustainable Recovery with Equality
- ECLAC Analyzes the Link between Trade Agreements, Intellectual Property and Access to Medicines
- To Confront the Climate Change Emergency and Rethink the Post-COVID Recovery, We Must Urgently Move Towards a New, More Sustainable and Egalitarian Development Pattern
- FAO and ECLAC: Millions of People May Slide into Extreme Poverty and Hunger in 2020 in Latin America and the Caribbean due to the Pandemic's Impact
- The precarious situation of domestic workers in Latin America and the Caribbean is accentuated by the COVID-19 crisis
- FAO and ECLAC Present Recommendations to Prevent the Pandemic from Turning Into a Food Crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean
- ECLAC Calls for Adopting Comprehensive Policies for an Economic Reactivation that Guarantees Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Research and Analysis

- **Asia-Pacific Disaster Resilience Network: Protecting the most vulnerable to cascading risks from climate extremes and the COVID-19** (Policy Brief - 30 June 2020)
- **Virtual Regional Launch: Leveraging ocean resources for sustainable development of small island developing States** (Flagship Report - 30 June 2020)

Resources

- **UN Webinar To Spotlight Best Practices Of China, Japan And Republic Of Korea In Managing COVID-19** (News-25 June 2020)
- **Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series: Asia and the Pacific CRVS Systems’ Responses to the Covid-19 Crisis** (Webinar, 22 June 2020)
- **Webinar on Impact of Covid-19 on Agriculture in the Asia-Pacific and Role of Mechanization** (Webinar, 18 June 2020)
- **New tracker on Policy Responses to COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific**
- **Socio-Economic Response to COVID-19: ESCAP Framework**

News and Press Releases

- **Impact Of Covid-19 On Agriculture In The Asia-Pacific Region And Role Of Mechanization** (Press Release-18 June 2020)
- **UN Forum Calls For Greater Investments In Statistics To Ensure No One, Nowhere Is Left Behind Post COVID-19** (Press Release-18 June 2020)
- **ESCAP-OSJD Joint Statement on Strengthening International Railway Transport for more Sustainable Transport Connectivity in the Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic** [EN | RU]

Op-Eds

- **Sustainable Tourism And Fisheries Key To Growth In Post-COVID Pacific** (Op-Ed by Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana of ESCAP-30 June 2020)
- **Time And Tide Wait For No Man** (Op-ed by Sweta Saxena and Sanjay Srivastava of ESCAP - 23 June 2020)
- **A Post Pandemic World Needs Smart And Green Transport** (Op-ed by Changju Lee and Ryan Carvalho of ESCAP - 19 June 2020)
- **We Should Not Aim To Return To Normal** (Op-ed by Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana and Inger Andersen of ESCAP - 18 June 2020)
- **How To Raise $200 Billion Annually To Finance COVID-19 Recovery In Asia-Pacific** (Op-ed by Alexey Kravchenko of ESCAP - 17 June 2020)

ESCWA

Research and analysis

- **Impact of COVID-19 on Older Persons in the Arab Region** (Policy brief – 25 June 2020)
the Arab Region (Virtual Meeting – 24 June 2020)
- Leveraging Public Governance & Exploring Innovative Solutions to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Arab Region: Structural challenges, gaps, weaknesses and resilience (Virtual meeting – 24 June 2020)
- Role of Private Sector In the Use of Innovation and Technology to Support Smallholders Face COVID-19 Disruptive Impact (Zoominar – 18 June 2020)
- Mapping of government measures to protect persons with disabilities (Arabic)
- COVID-19 Policy Tracker
- Prevalence of COVID-19 in the Arab Region
- WHO: Eastern Mediterranean region COVID-19 affected countries

News and press releases

UNECE

Resources
- Adaptive programming during COVID-19 (Tools for project managers by UNRSF - June 2020)
- Food Outlook
- Observatory on Border Crossings Status
- Data Sources on Coronavirus impact on Transport
- COVID-19: the role of the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health
- COVID-19 and Official Statistics
- Resource list on COVID-19 and older persons

News and Press Releases
- Building back better in Albania: UNECE supports housing sector reforms and urban resilience (Press Release - 19 June 2020)
- Six United Nations statistical offices work together to support countries in managing the COVID-19 pandemic (Press Release - 16 June 2020)
- UNECE mobilizes regulatory authorities to advance risk management in pandemics (News-15 June 2020)

Op-Eds
- Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic with a gender lens (Blog by Executive Secretary - 23 June 2020)

Joint Publications
better through regional cooperation - Provides key policy messages from the regional commissions and highlights the vital role of regional cooperation in an effective recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

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