



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, 8-9AM:** 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)
- [Revealing the Toll of COVID-19: A Technical Package for Rapid Mortality Surveillance and Epidemic Response](#) (Publication – June 2020)
- [COVID-19 IN AFRICAN CITIES: Impacts, Responses and Policies](#) (Publication – 16 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)
- [ECA and Partners to launch the Africa Communication and Information Platform in response to COVID-19](#) (Press release – 19 June 2020)
- [Identity for development in post-COVID19 Africa](#) (Press release – 17 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)
- [New report, COVID-19 in African Cities: Impacts, Responses and Policies, launched by ECA & partners](#) (Press release – 16 June 2020)
- [COVID-19: Science, technology and innovation key to Africa's recovery, says Songwe](#) (Press release – 15 June 2020)

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Research and analysis

Hot Issues

(Publication – 2 July 2020)

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

(Publication – June 2020)

- [Food systems and COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean N° 8: The opportunity for digital transformation](#) (Publication – June 2020)
- [Food systems and COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean N° 7: The role of social protection measures](#) (Publication – June 2020)
- [Food systems and COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean N° 6: Contingency plan for an eventual food supply crisis](#) (Publication – June 2020)
- [Preventing the COVID-19 crisis from becoming a food crisis: Urgent measures against hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) (Publication – June 2020)
- [Trabajadoras remuneradas del hogar en América Latina y el Caribe frente a la crisis del COVID-19](#) (Publication – June 2020)

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](#) (Press release – 1 July 2020)
- [New Special Report by ECLAC Analyzes COVID-19's Impacts on Latin American and Caribbean Businesses and Production Sectors and Proposes Policies for the Emergency and the Reactivation](#) (Announcement – 1 July 2020)
- [Alicia Bárcena Calls for Putting Poverty Eradication at the Center of Debate and Building Back Better with Equality and Sustainability](#) (Press release – 20 June 2020)
- [ECLAC Calls for Moving Towards a Big Push for Sustainability as a Strategy for Emerging from the Current Crisis](#) (Press release – 29 June 2020)
- [ECLAC's COVID-19 Observatory: An Instrument Supporting Latin America and the Caribbean in Times of Pandemic](#) (News – 25 June 2020)
- [ECLAC Reaffirms its Commitment to Supporting Caribbean Countries on Their Path Towards a Sustainable Recovery with Equality](#) (News – 24 June 2020)
- [ECLAC Analyzes the Link between Trade Agreements, Intellectual Property and Access to Medicines](#) (News – 22 June 2020)
- [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](#) (Press release – 18 June 2020)
- [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](#) (Press release – 16 June 2020)
- [The precarious situation of domestic workers in Latin America and the Caribbean is accentuated by the COVID-19 crisis](#) (News – 12 June 2020)
- [FAO and ECLAC Present Recommendations to Prevent the Pandemic from Turning Into a Food Crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) (Announcement – 12 June 2020)
- [ECLAC Calls for Adopting Comprehensive Policies for an Economic Reactivation that Guarantees Women's Rights and Gender Equality](#) (Press release – 12 June 2020)

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)
- [COVID-19 and South Asia: National Strategies and Subregional Cooperation for Accelerating Inclusive, Sustainable and Resilient Recovery](#) (Publication - 25 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

[ESCWA: COVID-19 exposes 32 million older persons to lack of health care and aggravates the problems of young people in the Arab region](#) (Press release – 25 June 2020)

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

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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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