Progress in the regions insufficient to meet ambitious 2030 Agenda – the UN Regional Commissions reveal in a special event at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

The Regional Dimension in the HLPF

Official HLPF Programme

- **HLPF 2020: Progress in Africa insufficient to meet ambitious 2030 Agenda** (Press release – 15 July 2020)
- **Mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action and embarking on new pathways to realize the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway: Small Island Developing States** (8 July 2020)
- **UNECE to share action to accelerate SDGs delivery at High-level Political Forum** (News – 7 July 2020)

Side events

- **Messages from the Regional Commissions: Accelerating the 2030 Agenda and building back better from COVID-19** (Special event - 15 July 2020)
- **Regional mechanisms for peer support to Voluntary National Reviews- The VNR Twinning experience** (Side event - 13 July)
- **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** (Side event - 13 July)
- **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the new global and regional context: Scenarios and projections in the current crisis** (10 July 2020)
- **Changing Course? The Arab Region’s SDG Progress and COVID-19** (9 July 2020)
- **Sharing economic benefits: Social protection as a tool for building back better after COVID-19** (7 July 2020)
VNR Lab

- **Innovative approaches to spur action and delivery on the 2030 Agenda: lessons from the regions** (9 July 2020)

**COVID-19: Regional Analysis and Policy Responses**

**ECA**

*Research and analysis*

- **COVID-19 Crisis in North Africa: The Impact and Mitigation Responses** (Publication – July 2020)

*Resources*

- [ECA COVID-19 Response: Publications, Events, Presentations and other Resources](#)
- [Africa UN Knowledge Hub for COVID-19](#)

*News and press releases*

- [Africa will need a lot of energy to power its COVID-19 recovery, says Vera Songwe](#) (Press release – 15 July 2020)
- [AfCFTA Africa’s plan to ride out crippling coronavirus crisis, says Vera Songwe](#) (Press release – 7 July 2020)

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*Research and analysis*

- **COVID-19 Special Report No. 5, entitled Addressing the growing impact of COVID-19 with a view to reactivation with equality: new projections** (15 July)

*News and press releases*

- [Countries of the Region Reaffirm their Commitment to Sustainable Development and Urge for an Articulated Response to Counteract the Pandemic’s Profound Effects](#) (Press release – 15 July 2020)
- [Contraction of Economic Activity in the Region Intensifies Due to the Pandemic: It Will Fall -9.1% in 2020](#) (Press release – 15 July 2020)
- [It is Crucial to Propose a Social Compact Based on a Broad and Participatory Dialogue to Face the Present Contingency and Rethink the Post COVID-19 Reactivation](#) (Press release – 13 July 2020)
the Enormous Environmental Challenge: Alicia Bárcena (News – 10 July 2020)
Event with Latin American and Caribbean Countries Stress the Importance of Guaranteeing a Universal Social Protection System (Press release – 10 July 2020)

- Building Back Better Requires Transforming the Development Model of Latin America and the Caribbean (Statement – 9 July 2020)
- ECLAC Presents Five Proposals to Increase Fiscal Space in Caribbean Countries (Press release – 8 July 2020)
- Fiscal Policy Must Play a Central Role in Mitigating the Social and Economic Impact Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic, While Also Contributing to Propelling the Economic Reactivation (Press release – 6 July 2020)
- The Pandemic’s Impacts on the Hardest-Hit Production Sectors Will Affect One Third of Employment in the Region and One Fourth of GDP (Press Release – 2 July 2020)

Resources

- COVID-19 Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean

ESCAP

Research and analysis

- An assessment of fuel-exporting countries in Asia and the Pacific coping with COVID-19 (Policy brief- 10 July 2020)
- When crises converge: Responding to natural disasters in South Asia during Covid-19 (Policy brief-9 July 2020)
- Freight transport and COVID-19 in North and Central Asia: Changing the connectivity paradigm (Policy brief - 7 July 2020)

News and Press Releases

- Urgent Action Needed On COVID-19 Recovery To Stay On Course For Sustainable Development (News - 7 July 2020)
- Managing The COVID-19 Pandemic In China, Japan And The Republic Of Korea (Press release - 2 July 2020)

Op-Eds


Resources

- Virtual High-Level Policy Dialogue COVID-19 and South Asia: Socio-Economic Impacts, National Strategies and Subregional Cooperation for Building Back Better (Webinar - 9 July 2020)
- Managing The COVID-19 Pandemic In China, Japan And The Republic Of Korea (Webinar - 2 July 2020)
ESCWA

Research and analysis

- Limited fiscal space puts the Arab region recovery from COVID-19 at risk (Policy brief – 3 July 2020)

News and press releases

- The Sustainable Development Dialogues in the Arab Region – an ASDR 2020 series (Webinars – 6 & 9 July 2020)
- ESCWA: $50 billion more required for middle- and low-income Arab countries to recover from COVID-19 (Press release – 3 July 2020)

UNECE

Research and analysis

- Responding to the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the UNECE region (Policy brief - 6 July 2020)

Resources

- Platform for National Statistical offices (NSOs)
- 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

- Transformative technologies to support UNECE member States in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery (News - 6 July 2020)

Op-Eds

- A paradigm lost? Making sense of 2020, the ‘Super Year’ for Nature (Op-Ed by Executive Secretary - 15 July 2020)
COVID-19: Towards an inclusive, resilient and green recovery — building back 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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