COVID-19: Regional Analysis and Policy Responses

ECA

News and press releases

- Why women entrepreneurs should not be left behind in building back our economies (Press release – 21 August 2020)
- UN salutes real-life heroes doing ‘extraordinary things, in extraordinary times’ (News – 19 August 2020)
- The 26th ICSOE to address COVID-19 challenges and discuss Policies for Private Sector led Growth in Southern Africa (Press release – 19 August 2020)
- Africa to learn from Covid-19 and build more competitive and resilient regional value chains through the AfCFTA (Press release – 18 August 2020)

Resources

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

ECLAC

Research and analysis

- Education in the time of COVID-19 (Publication – 24 August 2020)
- Universalizing access to digital technologies to address the consequences of COVID-19 (Publication – 24 August 2020)
- Care in Latin America and the Caribbean during the COVID-19: Towards comprehensive systems to strengthen response and recovery (Publication – 19 August 2020)
News and press releases

- **Countries Stress the Importance of Statistics for Raising the Visibility of the Vulnerabilities and Major Inequalities that Characterize the Region** (Press release – 25 August 2020)
- **ECLAC and UNESCO Publish a Document Analyzing the Challenges for Education Engendered by the Pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean** (Press release – 24 August 2020)
- **Container Throughput in the Region’s Ports Held Steady in 2019 and Contracted in the First Half of 2020 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic** (Press release – 24 August 2020)
- **New Report by ECLAC Analyzes the Key Role of Digital Technologies in the COVID-19 Pandemic** (Announcement – 24 August 2020)
- **Finance Authorities Dialogued with ECLAC about Fiscal Policy Challenges in Mitigation of the Pandemic and the Subsequent Economic Reactivation** (Press release – 21 August 2020)
- **ECLAC Call during the “Forum on the Economic and Social Impacts of COVID-19 in Central America and the Dominican Republic” to strengthen and expand regional integration to address the intensification of structural problems under the pandemic** (Press release – 20 August 2020)
- **Experts Call to Address the Human Rights of Migrants as a Priority during the Post Pandemic Recovery** (News – 20 August 2020)
- **ECLAC and UN Women: Comprehensive Care Systems are Key to the Socioeconomic Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean** (Press release – 19 August 2020)
- **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) Ministerial Meeting** (Twitter feed – 17 August)
- **ECLAC and UN Women Will Launch a Document Analyzing the Challenges of Care Work in Latin America and the Caribbean in Times of COVID-19** (Announcement – 17 August 2020)

Resources

- [COVID-19 Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean](https://www.eclac.org/es/observatorio-de-coronavirus-para-la-américa-latina-y-el-caribe)

ESCAP

Research and analysis

- **Webinar on Digital Technologies for Disaster Risk Management** (Webinar, 27 Aug 2020)
- **Investing in innovative solutions to manage cascading disaster risks in South Asia: Key takeaways for stakeholders** (Policy study, 20 Aug 2020)
Building Back Better (Review, 18 Aug 2020)

News and press releases
- United Nations ESCAP and Switzerland to partner for disaster relief in Asia and the Pacific (Press release – 27 August 2020)
- Asia-Pacific Countries Commit To Data-Driven Decision-Making To Build Back Better (Press Release, 26 Aug 2020)
- A Cascade Of COVID-19 And Climate Extremes Call For New Algorithms To Protect At-Risk Communities (Blog, 21 Aug 2020)
- UN Forges Technological Cooperation To Tackle COVID-19 In Asia And The Pacific (Press Release, 20 Aug 2020)
- Expanding infrastructure networks and leveraging on technology innovations to mitigate COVID-19 impacts (Blog, 19 Aug 2020)
- UN Report Highlights Measures To Improve MSME Access To Finance In Samoa (Press Release, 18 Aug 2020)

Resources

ESCWA

Research and analysis
- Is Food Security in Lebanon under Threat? (Policy brief – 30 August 2020)
- Poverty in Lebanon: Solidarity is vital to address the impact of multiple overlapping shocks (Policy brief – 19 August 2020)

News and press releases
- ESCWA: Half of Lebanon’s population at risk of failing to access basic food needs by year’s end (Press release – 30 August 2020)
- ESCWA warns: more than half of Lebanon’s population trapped in poverty (Press release – 19 August 2020)

Resources
- Prevalence of COVID-19 in the Arab Region
- COVID-19 Stimulus Tracker

UNECE
remain core of informed decision-making (Press release – 27 August 2020)

- UNECE guidance for the energy efficiency and renewables sector will support small businesses to drive the green recovery (Press release – 27 August 2020)
- UN system in Europe and Central Asia issues summary recommendations on environmental sustainability to help Governments towards green recovery (Press release – 21 August 2020)
- Cooperation for clean air must be at the heart of a green recovery from the COVID-19 crisis (ES Blog – 26 August 2020)
- UN system in Europe and Central Asia issues summary recommendations on environmental sustainability to help Governments towards green recovery (News – 21 August 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

Joint Publications

- 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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