



Kickstarting a Decade of Action in the era of COVID-19: Perspectives and solutions from the regions

- SDG Moment: [The Heads of the Regional Commissions join the SDG Moment with a status of progress on the SDGs in the regions and outline pathways and opportunities towards a green, inclusive and gender-equal recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, in line with the vision enshrined in the 2030 Agenda.](#)
- SDG Action Zone: [Featuring voices representing stakeholders from the regions, the regional breakout session brings to the forefront the initiatives and solutions that are being tested and that have transformative potential to reverse SDG trends, have an impact on people's lives and contribute to building back better in a post-Covid-19 world](#)

COVID-19: Regional Analysis and Policy Responses

ECA

Research and analysis

- [Facilitating Cross-Border Trade Through a Coordinated African Response to Covid-19](#)
- [The Impact of Covid-19 on Africa's energy sector and the role of RE to empower a long term and sustainable recovery.](#)

News and press releases

- [Mauritania finalizes AfCFTA implementation strategy](#) (Press release - 17 September)
- [ECA and Partners Examine Energy Regulations and Opportunities for Investment in Morocco](#) (Press release - 10 September)

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- [border policies](#) (News - 10 September)
- [Gender should be central to Africa's COVID-19 economic recovery initiatives](#) (News - 3 September)
- [Business, government, multilateral agency and UN leaders commit to connecting children and young people to the internet by 2030](#) (News - 1 September)
- [African World Summit on the Information Society \(WSIS\) Implementation Meeting on "COVID-19: A Catalyst to Achieving WSIS Outcomes"](#) (News - 31 August)

Resources

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

ECLAC

Research and analysis

- ECLAC's Special Report # 1: [Latin America and the Caribbean and the COVID-19 pandemic: Economic and social effects](#)
- ECLAC's Special Report # 2: [Measuring the impact of COVID-19 with a view to reactivation](#)
- ECLAC's Special Report # 3: [The social challenge in times of COVID-19](#)
- ECLAC's Special Report # 4: [Sectors and businesses facing COVID-19: Emergency and reactivation](#)
- ECLAC's Special Report #5: [Addressing the growing impact of COVID-19 with a view to reactivation with equality: new projections](#)
- ECLAC's Special Report #6: [The effects of the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) pandemic on international trade and logistics](#)
- ECLAC's Special Report #7: [Universalizing access to digital technologies to address the consequences of COVID-19](#)
- ECLAC and UN Women Report: [Care in Latin America and the Caribbean during the COVID-19: Towards comprehensive systems to strengthen response and recovery](#)
- ECLAC and PAHO Report: [Health and the economy: A convergence needed to address COVID-19 and retake the path of sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)
- ECLAC and UNESCO Report: [Education in the time of COVID-19](#)
- ECLAC and FAO Report: [Preventing the COVID-19 crisis from becoming a food crisis: Urgent measures against hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)
- ECLAC and ILO Report: [Employment Situation in Latin America and the Caribbean. Work in times of pandemic: the challenges of the coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Publication of the new issue of the CEPAL Review](#) (Publication – 31 August; see also [Press release](#))

News and press releases

- [International Solidarity in the face of Economic recession caused by COVID-19 Presentation of the Fund to Alleviate COVID-19 Economics \(FACE\)](#) (News -

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- [Online Launch of the Latin American Economic Outlook 2020](#) (News - 24 September)
- [The Global Compact on Refugees and Forced Displacement in Central America: Regional Cooperation and the MIRPS as a Solution](#) (News- 23 September)
- [Fourth Meeting of High Authorities of the Joint Summit Working Group on the Impacts of COVID-19 in the Americas](#) (Tweet - 14 September)
- [Commemoration of the 199th Anniversary of the Independence of Central American states](#) (Tweet - 14 September)
- [Fourth International Day of Women Who Do and Inspire \(Beijing 25+\)](#), ([Video of ES presentation](#), [Tweet](#) - 14 September)
- [ECLAC Executive Secretary keynote address at the Climate Action in the Time of Debt Distress](#) (News – 11 September; see also [Tweet](#))
- [Caribbean Development Roundtable and the 28th Session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee](#) (Press release – 10 September)
- [7th Virtual Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management \(UN-GGIM\)](#), (Press release – 10 September; see also Tweets [here](#) and [here](#))
- [Book presentation: The Chinese Dream](#) (Tweet – 10 September)
- [24th Annual Meeting of CAF- The Development Bank of Latin America](#) (Press release – 9 September)
- [Sustainable Mining, Human Rights and Sustainability](#), (Event – 9 September; see also [Tweet](#))
- [XXI International Meeting on Gender Statistics](#) (Press release – 3 September; see also [Video of the inauguration](#))

Resources

- [COVID-19 Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

ESCAP

Research and analysis

- [The Disaster And Health Nexus Amid The COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges Of Protecting At-Risk Communities](#) (Blog, 17 September)
- [Leveraging Research For Solution-Driven Policymaking In The Era Of COVID-19](#) (Blog, 17 September)
- [Technology Is Still One's Best Friend](#) (Blog, 7 September)
- [Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal, vol. 27, No 1, June 2020](#) (Publication – 31 August)

News and press releases

- [Top UN economists warn of crises of our own making if global “megatrends” left unchecked](#) (Press Release - 17 September)
- [Disaster Risk Reduction Mainstreaming in Development Plans](#) (Press Release - 16 September)
- [Financing Economic Recovery](#) (Op-ed, 7 September)
- [Diverse youth voices from across North and Central Asia amplified at UN forum](#) (Press Release – 2 September)

Resources

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- [Chains and Connectivity](#) (High-level dialogue, 25 September)
- [Social protection responses to COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific: The story so far and future considerations](#) (Public information and advocacy materials - 15 September)
- [Assessing the impact of COVID-19 in Asia and the Pacific and designing policy responses: An Excel-based model](#) (Manuals, guidelines, training materials -- 14 September)
- [Regional Conversation on Air Pollution in Asia-Pacific: On the commemoration of the 1st International Day of Clean Air for blue skies](#) (High-level dialogue, 8 September)
- [How COVID-19 is changing the world: a statistical perspective Volume II](#) (Public information and advocacy materials- 8 September)
- [MPFD Policy Brief No. 115: Supporting sustainable development in the COVID-19 era through fisheries in Asia-Pacific small island developing States](#) (Public information and advocacy materials- 8 September)
- [A Guidebook for Assessing SDG Investment Needs](#) (Manuals, guidelines, training materials - 7 September)
- [Value chain development for deeper integration of East Asia and Latin America](#) (Public information and advocacy materials - 7 September)
- [Trade facilitation in times of pandemic: practices from South and South West Asia](#) (Public information and advocacy materials - 7 September)
- [Online Repository of Contributions to the Policy Hackathon on Model Provisions for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic](#) (Public information and advocacy materials - 1 September)
- [Report on the Results of the 2020 Asia Pacific and Statistics Week](#)(Databases and related outputs- 31 Aug 2020)
- [Trade facilitation in times of pandemic: practices from North and Central Asia](#) (28 August)

ESCWA

Research and analysis

- [Impact of COVID-19 on poverty in Arab countries](#) (Publication - September 2020)
- [Report on Baseline Study of Lebanon](#) (Publication - September 2020)
- [Trends and Impacts in Conflict Settings, Issue No. 6](#) (Publication - September 2020)
- [Assessing Arab Economic Integration: How Agricultural Trade Can Affect the Achievement of the SDGs Through Further Integration- Third Edition](#) (Publication - September 2020)

News and press releases

- [ESCWA hosts an EGM Peer Review of the Survey of Economic & Social Development in the Arab Region](#) (News - 15 September)
- [A Conversation with Her Excellency Dr. Rola A. A. H. Dashti](#) (News - 11 September)
- [ESCWA signs MoU with Lebanese Ministry of Labour](#) (Press release – 10 September 2020)

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- [the energy situation of the building sector in Tunisia](#) (Event - 10 September)
- [ESCWA at Berlin Climate and Security Conference](#) (Press release - 9 September)
- [ESCWA at the GI Middle East Energy Transition Dialogues Webinar/Podcast](#) (Event - 3 September)
- [Distillation and valorization of materials extracted from medicinal and aromatic plants](#) (Event – 2-4 September)
- [Marketing techniques and mechanisms of rural women's products](#) (Event - 1-2 September)
- [Developing a geographic information system for transport networks and facilities in Arab States](#) (News – 1 September)
- [ESCWA: Half of Lebanon's population at risk of failing to access basic food needs by year's end](#) (Press release – 30 August)
- [ESCWA at the Arab Forum for Scientific Research and Sustainable Development](#) (Event - 27 August)
- [Use of small-scale Renewable Energy for Rural Development in Tunisia](#) (Event - 26-28 August)
- [ESCWA workshop on economic modelling](#) (News – 24-25 August)
- [2020 e-Government Survey Regional Launch](#) (Event - 23 August)
- [ESCWA at the GSR-20 Regional Regulatory Roundtable for Arab and Africa regions](#) (Event - 20 August)
- [Improving the performance of the Agricultural Development Group for Rural Women "Al-Amal" and raising its efficiency](#) (Event - 19-21 August)

Resources

- [Social justice policy gap assessment](#)
- [Prevalence of COVID-19 in the Arab Region](#)
- [COVID-19 Stimulus Tracker](#)

UNECE

News and press release

- [Eight UN organizations stress critical role of international transport and integrated supply chains for COVID-19 recovery and the SDGs](#) (Press release- 17 September)
- [Albania joins the Aarhus Convention's amendment on genetically modified organisms](#) (Press release - 14 September)
- [UNECE shares lessons from cooperation under the Air Convention on first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies](#) (News- 11 September 2020)
- [UNECE and OSCE join forces in enhancing cyber resilience of intelligent transport systems](#) (News - 8 September 2020)
- [Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee makes clear that the COVID-19 pandemic cannot justify any restriction of the public's rights to information, participation and justice in environmental matters](#) (Press release - 7 September)

Resources

- [Platform for National Statistical offices \(NSOs\)](#)
- [Issue-based coalitions in the region](#)
- [Food Outlook](#)
- [Observatory on Border Crossings Status](#)

[Health](#)

- [COVID-19 and Official Statistics](#)
- [Resource list on COVID-19 and older persons](#)

Joint Publications

- [8 UN organizations stress critical role of international transport and integrated supply chains for COVID-19 recovery and the SDGs](#) (Press Release - 18 September)
- [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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