



SDG 16 CONFERENCE

Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



Transforming Governance for a more Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Future: SDG 16 as the roadmap to respond to COVID-19 and build back better

28-30 April 2021
Virtual conference

AGENDA

Day 1 - 28 April 2021	
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Opening of the Conference</p> <p>Welcome and introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Marina Sereni, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Volkan Bozkır, President of the United Nations General Assembly (video message)- Mr. Munir Akram, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (video message)- Message from Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations- Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO <p>Moderator: Mr. Giorgio Marrapodi, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy</p>

Theme 1 - Our shared fragility: The impact of COVID-19 on SDG 16	
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Plenary Session 1.1: Peaceful, just and inclusive societies in the time of COVID-19 and beyond</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO - Mr. Yamauchi Yoshimitsu, Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice, Japan - Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General, UN-OHRLS - Ms. Birgitta Tazelaar, Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands - Mr. Olivier De Schutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights - Mr. Harold Hongju Koh, Office of the Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State <p>Moderator: Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Plenary Session 1.2: Enhancing resilience to shocks and crises: lessons learned from the pandemic</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Hanna Tetteh, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union - Ms. Annika Ben David, Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden - Mr. Miroslav Jenča, Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, DPPA/DPO - Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen, Chief Economist, FAO - Ms. Asako Okai, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Crisis Bureau, UNDP - Mr. Diego García-Sayán, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Independence of Judges and Lawyers - Ms. Lynrose Jane D. Genon, Executive Council of Young Women+ Leaders for Peace, Philippines <p>Moderator: Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO</p>
17:15 – 17:35	Break

17:35 – 19:05	<p>Parallel session 1.1: Impact of the pandemic on peace and conflict</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Shaharзад Akbar, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) - Ms. Clare Lockhart, Director, Institute for State Effectiveness - Ms. Jennifer Smith, Executive Director, International Legal Foundation (ILF) - Mr. Leif Villadsen, Deputy Director, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) - Dr. Chris Mahony, CEO, Peloria <p>Moderator: Mr. Samuel Rizk, Head, Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Responsive Institutions (CPPRI), Crisis Bureau, UNDP</p>	<p>Parallel session 1.2: Lessons from the response of public institutions to the pandemic</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Lister, Head of Governance, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP - Ms. Sabine Kuhlmann, Chair of Political Science, Administration and Organization, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences Universität Potsdam, Germany - Mr. David Steven, Senior Fellow, UN Foundation; and Senior Fellow, Center on International Cooperation, New York University, USA - Mr. Juan Manuel Roa, President, Dyntra, Spain <p>Moderator: Mr. Louis Meuleman, Vice-Chair, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration and Visiting Professor, KU Leuven, the Netherlands</p>	<p>Parallel session 1.3: Assessing and mitigating the impact of the pandemic on justice systems and justice seekers</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate Rosa Amalia Seaman Sheran, Under-Secretary of State of the Office for the Protection of Human Rights, Honduras - Mr. Roosevelt Z. Willie, Judge, Criminal Court A, Liberia - Ms. Hadeel Abdel Aziz, Executive Director, Jordan Center for Legal Aid - Mr. Yesukhei Tumurbaatar, National University of Mongolia - Ms. Alia Gharbi, Judge, Association of Women Judges, Tunisia - Mr. Alejandro Alvarez, Director, Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General <p>Moderator: Mr. Deprose Muchena, Regional Director, East and Southern Africa, Amnesty International</p>
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<p>Day 2 - 29 April 2021</p> <p>Theme 2 - Renewing the social contract to build trust between people and state</p>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Plenary Session 2.1: Implications of the pandemic for the relationship between citizens and States</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, former President of Chile - Mr. Hector Leonel Ayala, Minister of Governance and Decentralization, Honduras - Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union - Mr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary General, International IDEA - Mr. Xing Qu, Deputy Director General, UNESCO - Ms. Liv Tørres, Director, Pathfinders - Ms. Elizabeth Andersen, Executive Director, World Justice Project <p>Moderator: Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA</p>		
15:30 – 15:45	Break		
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Plenary Session 2.2: Strengthening transparency, accountability and engagement during and beyond the pandemic</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Věra Jourová, Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission - Mr. Federico Cafiero de Raho, National Anti-Mafia and Counter-Terrorism Prosecutor, Italy - Ms. Margit Kraker, Secretary-General, International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions - Mr. Alfredo Durante Mangoni, Chair, G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy - Ms. Marta Acosta Zuñiga, Comptroller General, Costa Rica - Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director, UNODC - Ms. Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair of International Board of Directors, Transparency International <p>Moderator: Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA</p>		
17:15 – 17:35	Break		
17:35 – 19:05	<p>Parallel session 2.1: The role of stakeholder engagement in responding to the pandemic and how to secure engagement in the future</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Virginia Pardo, Director of the Information Society Area, National 	<p>Parallel session 2.2: Addressing corruption during and after COVID-19</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jorge Bermúdez Soto, Comptroller General, Chile 	<p>Parallel session 2.3: Building trust in governance through rule of law-based policymaking</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Wevyn Muganda, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)

	<p>Agency of E-government and Information and Knowledge Society, Uruguay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sandra Elena, Coordinator of the Open Justice Program, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina - Ms. Michelle Brown, Associate Director of Advocacy, Action Against Hunger - Mr. Mandeep Tiwana, Chief Programmes Officer, CIVICUS <p>Moderator: Ms. Margaret Williams, International Development Consultant, USA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Juan Pablo Guerrero, Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency (GIFT) - Mr. Ed Olowo-Okere, Director, Governance Global Practice, World Bank - Ms. Angela Me, Chief Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC <p>Moderator: Mr. Frederic Boehm, Economist/Policy Analyst, OECD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Michel Nussbaumer, Director, Legal Transition, EBRD - Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director, EPLO - Ms. Corinne Vargha, Director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO - Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan, Chief, Development Law Office, FAO <p>Moderator: Ms. Mona Rishmawi, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR</p>
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Day 3 - 30 April 2021 Theme 3 - Turning challenges into opportunities: rethinking governance with SDG16 at its center	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Plenary Session 3.1: Transforming governance through inclusive processes and whole of society approaches</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Helen Clark, Co-Chair, The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response - Ms. Marie Chatardová, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations - Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, CEO and Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact - Ms. Anita Bhatia, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women - Mr. Giulio Lo Iacono, General Coordinator, ASviS - Ms. Antonia Marie De Meo, Director, UNICRI <p>Moderator: Mr. Luca Maestripieri, Director, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break

15:45 – 17:15	<p>Plenary Session 3.2: SDG 16 as a framework for moving the 2030 Agenda forward: key national and international actions needed to tackle global challenges</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ariunzaya Ayush, Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Mongolia - Ms. Mary Robinson, Chair, The Elders - Mr. Stefano Stefanile, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in New York - Mr. Thomas Guerber, Director, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance - Mr. Silvio Gonzato, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations - Mr. Gerald Abila, Attorney and Founder, Barefoot Law, Uganda - Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, former Head of UNFCCC Secretariat and climate change negotiator, Malta <p>Moderator: Mr. Stefano Manservigi, Special Advisor to EU Commissioner for Economy</p>		
17:15 – 17:35	<p>Closing of the Conference</p> <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Giorgio Marrapodi, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy - Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA - Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO <p>Moderator: Mr. Leonardo Bencini, Head, Unit for Strategy, Global Processes and International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</p>		
17:35 – 17:55	Break		
17:55 – 19:25	<p>Parallel session 3.1: The gender dimension of the pandemic: lessons learned and implications for the future</p> <p>Speakers:</p>	<p>Parallel session 3.2: Promoting inclusive and equitable access to public services</p> <p>Speakers:</p>	<p>Parallel session 3.3: Digital governance in a post-pandemic world</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Carol Roach, Acting Director, Transformation and Digitization

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO - Ms. Raquel Lagunas, Head of Gender Team, UNDP - Ms. Judith Kaulem, Executive Director, Poverty Reduction Forum Trust, Zimbabwe - Ms. Sonia Palmieri, Policy Fellow (Gender) at The Australian National University - Mr. Laxman Belbase, Co-Director, Global Secretariat, MenEngage Alliance <p>Moderator: Mr. Mohammad Naciri, Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN Women</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Román Macaya-Hayes, President of the Executive Board, Social Security Fund, Costa Rica - Mr. Allan Achesa Maleche, Executive Director, Kenya Legal & Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN) - Mr. Giampiero Griffio, Coordinator of Technical and Scientific Committee, National Observatory on the condition of persons with disabilities - Ms. Elise Sobol, Program Director, Music Education, Visiting Associate Professor, NYU Steinhardt - Mr. Arnaldo R. Diaz, Founder of Helping Honduras, Co-Founder of Youth Network of Jutiapa, Red de Jóvenes JA, PazArtistas - Mr. T. Nyam-Ochir, Head of Pre- and Secondary Education Department, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Mongolia <p>Moderator: Mr. John Romano, Coordinator, TAP Network</p>	<p>Department, Office of The Prime Minister, The Bahamas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Cheow Hoe Chan, Government Chief Digital Technology Officer, Smart Nation and Digital Government Office, Singapore - Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Policy Advisor, Aspire to Innovate (a2i) Programme, ICT Division/Cabinet Division/UNDP, Bangladesh - Ms. Nevena Manić, Advisor, Team for Public Administration Reform, Office of the Prime Minister, Serbia - Mr. Alexandre Barbosa, Head, Regional Center for Studies on the Development of the Information Society, Brazil <p>Moderator: Ms. Samia Melhem, Global Lead, Digital Capabilities, World Bank Group</p>
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