



SDG 16 CONFERENCE

Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



Top global experts to discuss roadmap for a peaceful, just and inclusive recovery from COVID-19

Virtual Conference co-organized by UN DESA, IDLO and the Government of Italy

28-30 APRIL 2021

ROME, 21 April 2021 – High-level government, UN and international organizations officials, leading academics, civil society and youth representatives from around the world will convene virtually on 28-30 April 2021 for the second [Conference on Sustainable Development Goal 16](#) on peace, justice and strong institutions, co-organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and the Government of Italy.

Building on the first [SDG 16 Conference in Rome, Italy in 2019](#), the 2021 Conference on SDG 16 will assess how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected progress towards [SDG 16](#) and the wider [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). The conference will highlight the importance of building resilience to shocks and discuss a roadmap for a more just, inclusive and equitable recovery.

Outcomes of the Conference will contribute to the deliberations of this year's [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#) taking place in July 2021.

Co-organizers:

- Ms. Marina Sereni, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO

Speakers:

- Mr. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Uganda
- Mr. Yamauchi Yoshimitsu, Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice, Japan
- Ms. Ariunzaya Ayush, Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Mongolia
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization
- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- Ms. Hanna Tetteh, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union
- Ms. Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- Ms. Helen Clark, Co-Chair, The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response
- Ms. Mary Robinson, Chair, The Elders
- Ms. Věra Jourová, Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission

- Mr. Diego García-Sayán, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers
- Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union

When: 28-30 April 2021 | 14:00 - 19:00 CEST / 08:00 – 13:00 EDT

Where: Follow live here: <https://www.idlo.int/SDG16Conference2021/livestream>

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Further information about the Global Conference on SDG 16 can be found here:
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