



Concept Note & Agenda

Parliamentary Leadership for the 2030 Agenda Webinar Series COVID-19 response: Leaving No One Behind

February 15, 2021 | 8:00 am to 10:00 am EST | 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm CET | [Other Time Zones](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic poses an unprecedented crisis with wide-ranging and profound impacts for our societies. Inequalities and vulnerabilities that were already afflicting many in the world even before the pandemic have only been exacerbated. Even though governments are moving forward with vaccination campaigns, the healthcare systems of several countries are under considerable strain as they endure through another wave of cases.

As such, governments and policymakers need solutions that can address this ongoing challenge. An effective response to the pandemic will not only require the containment of current outbreaks and the equitable distribution of vaccines. Its far-reaching economic and social consequences have also highlighted the need to adopt measures that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and that leave no one behind.

In this context, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Parliamentarians for the Global Goals are convening a high-level dialogue for parliamentarians on the COVID-19 response. In order to build back better, the active engagement of parliamentarians is crucial due to their key role in voicing the needs and demands of their constituents, while approving laws and deciding on budgets that prioritize an inclusive and sustainable recovery. The event will be discussion-focused, featuring interactions between participating parliamentarians and experts with the aim of providing a common platform for sharing and discussing policies and practices that can be implemented to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the first in the "**Parliamentary Leadership for the 2030 Agenda**" webinar series to support parliamentarians with scientific evidence for decision making. This series is meant to serve as a forum for peer-to-peer learning, mutual inspiration and exchange of best practices that can galvanize more political action on SDGs.

[Please register here to attend online.](#)

Agenda

7:45 am EST

Virtual meeting room opens

8:00 am EST

Opening Remarks

- Professor Jeffrey Sachs, President, Sustainable Development Solutions Network

8:10 am EST

Expert Presentations

- Dr. Peter Hotez, Co-Chair, Lancet COVID-19 Commission Task Force on COVID-19 Vaccines and Therapeutics
- Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite, Founder and President, UNITE and Member of the Portuguese Parliament
- Mr. Kilian Kleinschmidt, Founder and Chairman, IPA | switxboard
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas, Member of the Political Advisory Panel, UHC2030

8:45 am EST

Discussion

- Moderated by Ms. Kirsten Brosbøl, Founder, Parliamentarians for the Global Goals

Questions may be asked directly to the presenters or Parliamentarians may comment on their own initiatives in this area.

Statements will be kept strictly to 2 minutes to maximize the number of speakers.

9:45 am EST

Closing Remarks

- Professor Jeffrey Sachs, President, Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- Ms. Kirsten Brosbøl, Founder, Parliamentarians for the Global Goals

10:00 am EST

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