



**Wednesday, 13 July 2022, 10:40 AM-1:00 PM, Conference Room 4**

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**Voluntary National Reviews**

**Chair:** President or Vice President of ECOSOC

4 VNRs:

Panel: **El Salvador, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia**

Individual: **Dominica**

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Individual: **Djibouti, Suriname**

Panel: **Equatorial Guinea, Tuvalu**

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**Messages from the regions**

This session will focus on regional action and leveraging regional frameworks to support countries on the road to recovery and rebuilding from the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

The 2030 Agenda stresses the importance of the regional and sub-regional dimensions in the follow-up and review of the Agenda. Since the creation of the HLPF, Regional Forums on Sustainable Development have been organized by the United Nations Regional Commissions to contribute to the forum's preparations and provide a regional perspective at the HLPF discussions. Their importance was recognized in the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit in September 2019 and in the 2021 General Assembly review of the HLPF.

The session will discuss the findings and recommendations from the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development. It will include interventions by the Ministerial Chairs of the Regional Forums, the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions and representatives of regional organizations, followed by an interactive discussion with participants.

As we approach the halfway mark between the adoption and finish line of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we must accelerate progress or reverse current trends to achieve its 2030 ambitions. While the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis is still under way, the impacts of the war in Ukraine threaten to further reverse development gains, leading to worldwide disruptions in food, energy and finance systems that are triggering increases in poverty and hunger and threatening political stability.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts of the war in Ukraine are global crises that require unity, solidarity, and renewed multilateral cooperation.

Against this background, the session will highlight regional situations and ways in which Regional Commissions are contributing to addressing these crises through mobilizing regional action and leveraging regional frameworks.

The session will address the following questions:

- How can regional cooperation and partnerships contribute to recovering better, building resilience against future shocks and delivering on the 2030 Agenda?
- Which policy actions should be taken in areas such as social protection and education to ensure that they are inclusive and sustainable, grounded in human rights, focused on the vulnerable and on empowering women and girls?
- How can investments be scaled up to accelerate the transition to inclusive and green economies, preserve ecosystems and promote just transitions in digital connectivity, energy and food systems?
- What reforms are required for the global financial architecture to effectively address the large economic, social and environmental gaps and asymmetries between countries and within countries in the various regions?

**Chair:**

- President or Vice President of ECOSOC

**Remarks:**

- **Ms. Olga Algayerova**, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions

**Video:** Snapshots from stakeholders from the regions

**Presentations and interactive discussion**

**Speakers:**

Chairs of the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development:

- **H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand



- **H.E. Mr. Edil Baisalov**, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic
- **H.E. Mr. Arnoldo André Tinoco**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica
- **H.E. Mr. Uzziel Ndagijimana**, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of the Republic of Rwanda
- **H.E. Mr. Nasser Shraideh**, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of Jordan

**Lead Discussant:**

- **Ms. April Porteria**, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Philippines (MGoG)

Interventions from other Ministers and high-level representatives (3 minutes each)

*(Member States, regional organizations and other stakeholders will be given the floor to express their views on the regional dimension of COVID-19 recovery and accelerating SDG progress and the follow-up to the outcomes of the Regional Forums.)*

Wrap up and concluding observations

- **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- **Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- **Ms. Vera Songwe**, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- **Mr. Mario Cimoli**, Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Ms. Olga Algayerova**, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Europe and Coordinator of the Regional Commissions

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**Outcomes of the UN Environment Assembly**

The UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) contributes to the effective implementation and full integration of the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, acknowledging that a healthy environment is an essential requirement and key enabler for sustainable development. In her allocution, the President of the UN Environment Assembly, H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco, will convey the main messages of the UN Environment Assembly and present the contributions of the Assembly to the debates of the HLPF.

The resumed fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly was held from 28 February to 2 March 2022, in Nairobi under the theme “Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. UNEA-5 was followed by a Special Session of the UN Environment