



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**We know what to do and we have the money to do it, but will the world act?  
COVID-19 Recovery: Leaving no country behind**

**WHAT A Virtual United Nations Press Briefing, “Face to Face”**

The “Face to Face” press briefing is a curtain raiser for the 2021 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum (12-15 April), the global platform for reviewing initiatives on financing aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year’s event will drive high-level political engagement to advance priority actions to set the world on track for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

*Scope of discussions:* No country, rich or poor, has been spared the economic shock of COVID-19, but the poorest have been hit hardest. As we race to recover from the pandemic, we are starting to see a sharply diverging world and are facing a serious risk of a lost decade. How do we ensure this does not happen? Widespread access to vaccines is starting to become a reality in developed countries, but many months or even years away from access for a majority of the world’s population. How can we mobilize equal vaccine distribution? The debt crisis is hurting developing countries. How can we deliver urgent debt relief to countries at risk?

**WHO**

President, United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), **H.E. Ambassador Munir Akram**  
The President of ECOSOC will present his views and vision on how ECOSOC can respond to the pandemic, related to financing for dev.

**WHEN 9 April 2021, 10.00 A.M. EST**

**WHERE Live on Cisco WebEx:**

**Event address for press representatives:**

<https://unvc.webex.com/unvc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2cbd833bbba65d65c85ff560cb258ed5>

**Event number:** 1296909052

**Event password:** ecosoc\_brfg

**Webcasting:** Live on **UN Web TV:** <http://webtv.un.org>

**Social Media:** Live on UN YouTube, @UNECOSOC, @PakistanUN\_NY

**ABOUT ECOSOC**

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is one of the Charter organs of the United Nations created in 1945. ECOSOC promotes solutions to international economic, social, health and related problems. It coordinates the work of the United Nations Funds, Programmes and specialized agencies, such as UNICEF, UNDP, UN-Women, UNFPA. This includes humanitarian activities. It has oversight of their operational activities in support of developing countries. It is the place where Member States hold the UN development system accountable for its support to developing countries on achieving the SDGs. Therefore, ECOSOC is uniquely placed to strengthen multilateralism, which is vital for effective response to pandemics such as COVID-19, and other global crises, including Climate change.



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