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:
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