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WORKSHOP

Operationalizing the New Social Contract at the Country Level: Sharing experiences of leveraging UN standards for transformative economic change

Time and date:

Day 1 5 May 2021 - 08 AM -11 AM NY/ 2 PM – 5 PM GVA

Day 2 6 May 2021 - 08 AM -11 AM NY/ 2 PM – 5 PM GVA

Day 3 7 May 2021 - 08 AM -11 AM NY/ 2 PM – 5 PM GVA



CONTEXT AND OUTCOMES

In his forceful July 2020 statement on “[Tackling the Inequality Pandemic: A New Social Contract for a New Era](#)”, the UN Secretary General (SG) called for the UN’s support to COVID-19 response and recovery to be based on “*a New Social Contract and a New Global Deal that create equal opportunities for all and respect the rights and freedoms of all*”. This will be critical to strengthen social cohesion and rebuild trust as set out in the [SG’s Common Agenda](#) and in the CEB’s [UN System Framework for Action on Equality](#).

This workshop will be an opportunity to **share and learn from experiences at the country level** of how the UN is working to support the COVID-19 response and recovery and operationalizing SG’s vision. We will brainstorm on how the recovery can address inequalities, bring transformative, inclusive and sustainable economies, and operationalize a ‘new social contract’. We will have space to reflect on challenges and opportunities, analyze gaps, identify pathways for overcoming obstacles, and build synergies between UN entities to strengthen our joint impact – with a **particular focus on how to influence macroeconomic policy** as the UN steps up its role in the economic sphere. This will also be an opportunity to share **strategies, guidance and tools that are or can be used by UN entities**, including exploring **how to leverage the UN’s normative standards** on human rights, labour and social protection rights, decent work, gender equality and the environment, **in the socio-economic response and recovery to COVID-19**, in line with the [SG’s Call to Action on Human Rights](#).

The key outcomes of the meeting will be:

1. **A workshop report that captures impactful practices** of how UN entities are addressing inequalities and engaging on macroeconomic policies to operationalize the social contract, including by bringing a gender sensitive and human rights-based approach to the macroeconomic pillar of the UN’s country level work,
2. **To gather suggestions on how to strengthen collaboration and integration of approaches at the country level**
3. **The establishment of an informal network** of economists, policy advisers and gender and human rights specialists interested to keep exchanging practices and work together on macroeconomic policy issues for transformative economic change.

FINAL PROGRAMME 4 May 2021 (FOR PARTICIPANTS)



PARTICIPANTS

UN economists and policy advisers from RCOs, UNCTs, regional offices and HQ



DATE AND LOCATION

The conference will be conducted online on **5, 6, and 7 May over 3 half days** (3 hours per day).
The timing for all three days will be:

8 AM – 11 AM NY / 2 PM – 5 PM GVA



PREPARATIONS

1. The workshop will be held online using Webex. For detailed instructions, see below. [Join from the meeting link.](#)
2. Please find a [list of background materials and resources here.](#)
3. We will be using Slido and the WebEx chatbox to solicit your thoughts and input.
4. Practical Guidance:



Leave your microphone on mute until you wish to speak to avoid background noise for the presenters.



You will need a laptop: a mobile phone or tablet won't be sufficient to participate



Turn on your webcam and face a light source so you can be seen on video



Use headphones to minimize audio issues



Keep a drink or glass of water nearby



CONTACT PERSONS

Please refer to the following contact persons, in case of questions:


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Day 1: 5 May 2021

Time	Duration	Activity	Description
Session 1 – 1.5 hours			
8 AM NY 2 PM GVA	0:30	Introduction to the workshop and keynote speakers	Moderator: Todd Howland, Chief Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch (DESIB), OHCHR
8:30 AM NY 2:30 PM GVA	0:30	Opening Keynotes and Q & A	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:</p> <p>8.30-8.40 NY Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, OHCHR Deputy High Commissioner 2.30-2.40 GVA</p> <p>8.40-8.50 NY Mr. Christian Salazar, DCO Regional Director LAC 2.40-2.50 GVA</p> <p>8.50-9.00 NY Brief Q & A led by the moderator for 2.50-3.00 GVA participants to ask questions</p> <p><u>Notes for participants on the Q&A:</u> For the Q&A, participants can submit questions to the speakers by raising their hand virtually through WebEx or by submitting a question in the main WebEx chatbox. The questions will be shared by the organizers on the main WebEx screen.</p>
9.00 AM NY 3.00 PM GVA	0.20	Icebreaker Session	<p>Moderator: Todd Howland, Chief DESIB, OHCHR</p> <p><u>Notes for participants on the icebreaker – word cloud:</u> Participants will be asked the following question(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“What do you hope to get out of this workshop?”</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“What does the ‘new social contract’ mean to you?”</i> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through a browser on your smartphone or computer, go to Slido.com or scan the QR code: 2. Enter the code: NewSocialContract 3. Provide key word responses to the question. Contributions are anonymous. 4. Click Send. <p>On the WebEx screen, participants will see the Slido Word Cloud emerge.</p> 
<p>9:20 AM NY 3:20 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:10</p>	<p>Coffee break for 10 minutes</p>	
<p>Session 2 – 1.5 hours <u>Topic: LNOB, reducing inequalities and catalyzing more inclusive economic growth to rebuild trust and social cohesion</u> Rebuilding trust and social cohesion and addressing risks of social unrest through curbing inequalities and tackling discrimination, including through macroeconomic policies, advising on the structure of the economy and generation of decent and green jobs etc.</p>			
<p>9:30 AM NY 3:30 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:10</p>	<p>Overview of key questions to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we rebuild trust and social cohesion with a greater emphasis on LNOB, reducing inequalities and a more inclusive economy? • How do you factor inequalities into your work on advising on economic policy and advancing economic transformation? • What are the challenges and opportunities for the UN in playing a stronger role on inequalities and macroeconomic policy? 	<p>Moderator: Sangheon Lee, Director of the Employment Policy Department (ILO HQ)</p>

<p>9:40 AM NY 3:40 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:50</p>	<p>Country Examples (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Tajikistan ⦿ Ecuador ⦿ Haiti ⦿ Mexico/Central America 	<p>Tajikistan RCO Economist: Owais Parray</p> <p>Ecuador UN Women Economist Ecuador: Alison Vasconez</p> <p>Ecuador Human Rights Adviser: Paola Onofa OHCHR Surge Economist: María José Eva</p> <p>Haiti RCO Economist: Milasoa Cherel Robson</p> <p>Mexico/Central America ILO Social Protection Specialist: Helmut Schwarzer</p>
<p>10:30 AM NY 4:30 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:30</p>	<p>Q & A led by moderator Quick summing up</p>	<p>Moderator: Sangheon Lee, Director of the Employment Policy Department (ILO HQ)</p> <p><u>Notes for participants on the Q&A:</u> For the Q&A, participants can submit questions to the speakers by raising their hand virtually through WebEx or by submitting a question in the main WebEx chatbox. The questions will be shared by the organizers on the main WebEx screen.</p>
<p>11:00 AM NY 5:00 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:20</p>	<p>Optional Watercooler Session</p>	<p>This is an optional open space in plenary in case participants wish to carry on the discussion – as if around the watercooler or for a coffee – just stay online in plenary to engage with colleagues!</p>

Day 2: 6 May 2021

Time	Duration	Activity	Description
<p>Session 3 – 1.5 hours Topic: Scaling up social spending for a new social contract Increasing investment in health, social protection and other public services, including by leveraging SDG commitments and ESCR obligations and labour standards and tools such as human rights and gender budgeting etc.</p>			
<p>8 AM NY 2 PM GVA</p>	0:10	<p>Recap of previous day and overview of the key questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ What are the fundamental building blocks of a strong social contract based in relation to universal public services and a more equitable allocation of resources to Leave No One Behind? ⦿ How can UN agencies contribute to the imperative of increasing social spending in a context of chronic underinvestment in social services? ⦿ How can we leverage the UN’s legal standards, including ensuring the enjoyment of minimum essential levels of ESCRs such as health, food, social protection, education, water and sanitation? 	<p>Moderator: Joanne Bosworth, Chief, Public Finance and Local Governance, Social Policy Section UNICEF</p>
<p>8:10 AM NY 2:10 PM GVA</p>	0:50	<p>Country Examples (10 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Mongolia ⦿ Arab States ⦿ Cameroon ⦿ East and Central Europe and Central Asia 	<p>Mongolia RCO Economist, Nurjemal Jalilova</p> <p>Arab States UN Women Regional Economic Advisor for Arab States, Yllka Gerdovci</p> <p>Cameroon OHCHR Surge Economist, Jihen Chandoul</p>

			<p>East and Central Europe and Central Asia Jasmina Papa, ILO</p>
<p>9:00 AM NY 4:00 PM GVA</p>	0:20	<p>Q & A Quick summary</p>	<p>Moderator: Joanne Bosworth, Chief, Public Finance and Local Governance, Social Policy Section UNICEF</p> <p><u>Notes for participants on the Q&A:</u> For the Q&A, participants can submit questions to the speakers by raising their hand virtually through WebEx or by submitting a question in the main WebEx chatbox. The questions will be shared by the organizers on the main WebEx screen.</p>
<p>9:20 AM NY 3:20 PM GVA</p>	0:10	<p>Coffee break for 10 minutes</p> <p><u>Notes for participants:</u> During the break, please take a few moments to reflect on the questions that will be discussed in Session 4 and submit a few brief responses through Slido.</p> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through a browser on your smartphone or computer, please go to Slido.com <u>or</u> scan the QR code: 2. Enter the code: NewSocialContract 3. Please provide a response to the question of your choice. In your response, indicate the number of the question you are addressing (#1, #2, or #3). Contributions are anonymous. 4. Click Send. 	<p>Questions to reflect on and submit short responses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the UN doing in practice to support domestic resource mobilisation for financing development for SDGs/minimum core obligations of ESC rights? 2. The UN SG just called for a wealth tax – is this or other forms of progressive taxation – feasible in the countries where we are working? 3. What are our experiences of UN-IFI collaboration and expanding fiscal space and what can the UN do in the context of austerity measures?



<p>Session 4: 1.5 hours Topic: Generating resources and expanding fiscal space: Domestic resource generation, including progressive taxation, engaging with the IFIs on fiscal space, addressing debt distress, considering different phases of recovery in different regions – containment, stabilization, recovery.</p>			
<p>9:30 AM NY 3:30 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:10</p>	<p>Overview of the key questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ What is the UN doing in practice to support domestic resource mobilisation for financing development for SDGs/minimum core obligations of ESC rights? ⦿ The UN SG just called for a wealth tax – is this or other forms of progressive taxation – feasible in the countries where we are working? ⦿ What are our experiences of UN-IFI collaboration and expanding fiscal space and what can the UN do in the context of austerity measures? 	<p>Moderator: Paul Ladd, Director UNRISD</p>
<p>9:40 AM NY 3:40 PM GVA</p>	<p>0:50</p>	<p>Country Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⦿ Jordan ⦿ Barbados ⦿ Ukraine ⦿ Egypt 	<p>Jordan RCO Economist, Cengiz Cihan</p> <p>Barbados Isiuwa Iyehen, UN Women Program Specialist – Economic Empowerment & Statistics Dr. Mahalia Jackman, UN Women Consultant Economist</p> <p>Ukraine RCO Economist, Aliaksei Vavokhin OHCHR Surge Economist, Chafik Ben Rouine</p>

			<p>Egypt RCO Economist, Arun Jacob</p>
<p>10:30 AM NY 4:30 PM GVA</p>	0:30	<p>Q & A Quick summary</p>	<p>Moderator Paul Ladd Director, UNRISD</p> <p><u>Notes for participants on the Q&A:</u> For the Q&A, participants can submit questions to the speakers by raising their hand virtually through WebEx or by submitting a question in the main WebEx chatbox. The questions will be shared by the organizers on the main WebEx screen.</p>
<p>11:00 AM NY 5:00 PM GVA</p>	0:20	<p>Optional Watercooler Session</p>	<p>This is an optional open space in case participants wish to carry on the discussion – as if around the watercooler or for a coffee – just stay online in plenary to engage with colleagues!</p>

Day 3: 7 May 2021

Time	Duration	Activity	Description
<p>Session 5 - 1.5 hours <u>Topic: Identifying opportunities for collaboration and overcoming obstacles to strengthen the UN’s joint impact</u> Working together to strengthen impact, including by integrating priorities into the new generation CCAs and CFs</p>			
<p>8 AM NY 2 PM GVA</p>	0:10	<p>Recap of previous day and overview of the key questions to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can UN entities collaborate better for more integrated planning, programming and advocacy critical for the new social contract, including integrated these priorities into CCA/CFs? ○ How are we bringing all stakeholders to the table (government, multilateral institutions, CSOs and the private sector) for collective visioning, planning, programming and advocacy? ○ What are the opportunities and challenges therein as well as existing capacities and synergies to strengthen impact in the economic sphere? 	<p>Moderator: Vinicius Pinheiro, ILO, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean</p>
<p>8:10 AM NY 2:10 PM GVA</p>	0:50	<p>Country Examples (10 mins each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zambia ○ Argentina ○ West Africa ○ Southern cone, Latin America ○ Cambodia 	<p>Zambia OHCHR Regional Representative, Southern Africa, Abigail Noko OHCHR Surge Senior Economist, Savitri Bisnath</p> <p>Argentina RCO Economist, Fulvia Farinell</p>

			<p>West Africa ILO, Social Protection Department, Chief Technical Advisor, Celine Peyron-Bista</p> <p>Southern Cone, Latin America ILO Office for the Southern Cone of Latin America, Social Protection Specialist, Guillermo Montt</p> <p>Cambodia OHCHR Representative, Pradeep Wagle UNDP Economist, Ivan Gonzalez de Alba</p>
<p>9:00 AM NY 3:00 PM GVA</p>	0:20	<p>Q & A Quick summary</p>	<p>Moderator Vinicius Pinheiro, ILO, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p><u>Notes for participants on the Q&A:</u> For the Q&A, participants can submit questions to the speakers by raising their hand virtually through WebEx or by submitting a question in the main WebEx chatbox. The questions will be shared by the organizers on the main WebEx screen.</p>
<p>9:20 AM NY 3:20 PM GVA</p>	0:10	<p>Coffee Break for 10 minutes</p> <p><u>Notes for participants:</u> During the break, please take a few moments to reflect on and submit brief responses through Slido, on the following question: <i>“What are the key opportunities and challenges to strengthen UN impact in the economic sphere?”</i></p> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through a browser on your smartphone or computer, please go to Slido.com <u>or</u> scan the QR code: 2. Enter the code: NewSocialContract 3. Provide key word responses to the question. Contributions are anonymous. 4. Click Send. 	



Session 6:			
Topic: Key Takeaways, Next Steps and Conclusion			
9:30 AM NY 3:30 PM GVA	0:40	Where do we take it from here? Looking forward (3-5 mins each)	<p>Moderator: Todd Howland, Chief DESIB, OHCHR</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>9:35 Rosemary Kalapurakal, DCO Deputy Director 3:35</p> <p>9:40 Peggy Hicks, Director, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division of OHCHR 3:40</p> <p>9:45 Seemin Qayum, Acting Chief of Economic Empowerment, UN Women 3.45</p> <p>9:50 Shahra Razavi, Director Social Protection Department ILO 3.50</p> <p>9.55 Mansour Ndiaye, Director Inclusive Growth Team, UNDP 3.55</p>
10:10 NY 4:10 GVA	0:15	Key Takeaways and Next Steps Overview of the Meeting	<p>Rapporteurs of the Meeting: Marcella Favretto, Chief Sustainable Development Section, OHCHR Antonio Cisneros, Senior Human Rights Advisor, DCO Tool: MIRO – highlighting ideas through post-its on the whiteboard Facilitator: Juan Pablo Salinas</p>
10:25 NY 4:25 GVA	0:30	Key Takeaways and Next Steps Participatory Open Brainstorming	<p>Moderator: Todd Howland, Chief DESIB, OHCHR Continue the discussion with an open brainstorming from participants on Key Takeaways and Next Steps Tool: MIRO – highlighting ideas through post-its on the whiteboard Facilitator: Juan Pablo Salinas</p>
10:55 AM NY 4:55 PM GVA	0:05	Closing of the workshop	Todd Howland, Chief DESIB, OHCHR

WebEx Instructions for Conference Participants

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3. Click “**Join Meeting**”

Technical Assistance

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- **Tech Resource Person:** Samuel Boehms (OHCHR Intern)
- Email: Samuel.boehms@sciencespo.fr
- Chat: you may send Samuel a private message in the WebEx chat box.

Detailed Instructions

Signing In

In order to join the conference, you will need to first sign into WebEx. To do so:

1. Click on the meeting link. This will direct you to a WebEx browser where you can choose to either enter the meeting through the WebEx app or directly through your web browser.

- a. If you choose to use the WebEx app, you may have to download and install it before you can join the meeting. We recommend testing this at least 10 minutes before the conference begins.
2. Enter your name and email.
 - a. Please use the following format: **Your NAME (Your Host Organization)**
3. Once WebEx opens, you will be able to configure your audio and video options before entering the meeting.
 - a. Please follow the instructions below (**Testing your microphone and speaker**) before entering the conference room to avoid technical difficulties.
 - b. Please **mute** yourself before entering the meeting.
 - c. You can choose to leave your camera off when you enter the meeting room. However, we request that you leave your camera on as much as possible during the meeting out of respect for all participants and speakers.
4. Once you have configured your settings, click **“Join Meeting”**.

Mute

There are three ways to mute and unmute your microphone:

1. **“Mute” button:** you should see a mute button in the control bar at the bottom of the screen.
2. **Top control panel:** In the panel at the top of the screen, under the **“Participants”** tab. The first two options allow you to mute and unmute your microphone.
3. **Ctrl + M:** You can use your keyboard to mute/unmute by holding the Ctrl key and pressing M.
 - ***Please leave your microphone muted at all times unless you wish to speak during designated sections of the workshop.***

Camera

You can turn your camera on and off by clicking the **“Stop video”** button in the control panel at the bottom of the screen.

- If you do not see buttons at the bottom of the screen, find the arrow in the center and click on it to show control bar.
- Out of respect for the speakers and participants, please leave your camera on during the sessions.

Testing your microphone and speaker

When you first sign into WebEx, please begin by testing your microphone and speaker to ensure that they are working properly. Begin by:

1. Locate the mute button on the bottom of your screen.
 - a. If you do not see buttons at the bottom of the screen, find the arrow in the center and click on it to show control bar.
2. Open the settings by clicking the arrow next to the word **“Mute”** and then clicking on Settings.

- a. You can also access the settings menu from the “**Audio & Video**” button at the top of the screen.
3. A box will appear allowing you to choose which speaker and microphone you would prefer to use during the meeting.
4. Select your preferred speaker from the dropdown list and then click the “**Test**” button.
 - a. If you hear the test sound, then you can move on to the next step 5.
 - b. If you do not hear any sound, check your computer to make sure that the volume is turned up.
 - c. If this does not work, then try choosing a new speaker from the dropdown list.
 - d. If you are still having issues, try connecting a pair of headphones.
5. Next, select your preferred microphone from the dropdown list and click the “**Test**” button.

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- **Chat:** The chat icon on the bottom right of the screen will open a box that allows participants to send messages throughout the conference.
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 - Participants may use the chat box to ask questions, make comments, or share technical difficulties.
- **Participants list:** This list displays every participant in the conference.
 - **Raise Hand:** During open dialogues or Q&A sessions, participants may “**raise hand**” to signal that they wish to speak. WebEx will automatically sort the order of participants that wish to speak in the participants list.