

## Post-Covid: the world we want to (re)-build - Fundraising Lecture Series

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 17 Aug 2021

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| Type:                     | Public Lecture  |
| Location:                 | Web Based   |
| Date:                     | 7 Sep 2021 to 19 Oct 2021   |
| Duration of event:        | 4 Days  |
| Programme Area:           | Special event, Environment, Environmental Governance and Law, Multilateral Diplomacy, International Law   |
| Specific Target Audience: | No  |
| Website:                  | <a href="https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-port...">https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-port...</a> |
| Price:                    | \$200.00  |
| Event Focal Point Email:  | info.ilp@unitar.org   |

### BACKGROUND

Over the past months the corona pandemic has not only impacted people's private life through social distancing, but has had more far reaching consequences with regard to the overall economy, climate and diplomacy. This lecture series will shed light on four key issues:

#### Climate Change

The lockdowns that lead to a severe reduction in economic activities and the resulting reduction in the emission of green house gases has allowed some countries to reach their 2020 climate targets. However, the overall issue of climate change remains unresolved and, while the world seeks to address the virus, the problem of climate change has been out of the public eye. One thus has to ask how the Covid crisis has impacted our efforts to combat climate change and if our objectives are still reachable.

#### Economy

While essential workers continue to work with new protective gear and stricter hygiene measures, many jobs have shifted online and millions of people world-wide are facing unemployment. With a new recession looming, the question arises how to we wish to re-build our economy to make it more sustainable and more shock resistant.

#### Multilateralism

The pandemic has affected people globally and both lead to a renewed show of solidarity and cooperation between nations, while at the same time leading to the renewal of resentments and suspicions. Meanwhile, the usual diplomatic channels of communications and all in-person meetings during international conferences had to shift online with significant consequences. One thus has to ask how the pandemic has influenced multilateralism.

## Gender

Several studies suggest that the pandemic has had a disproportional impact on women and especially working mothers. The question thus arises what effect the pandemic has had on our efforts to achieve gender equality and how any negative effects might be mitigated.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

The objective of the "Post-Covid: the world we want to (re)-build - Fundraising Lecture Series" is to raise participants' awareness of how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted humanity as a whole on many levels. High level speakers from the United Nations, the private sector, NGOs and governments will not only address the key issues brought to the forefront by the virus, but will also present their vision of the world we should create in its aftermath.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The lecture series consists of 4 online lectures. Each lecture will last for up to 2 hours and include a short Q&A session. All questions need to be submitted to UNITAR prior to the event so the facilitators can make a pre-selection.

The topics of the lectures are as follows:

- Lecture 1 (7th September 2021): How has the Covid-19 crisis impacted our efforts to combat climate Change?
- Lecture 2: (21st September 2021): What do we need to do to we rebuild a better economy?
- Lecture 3: (5th October 2021): How has the pandemic influenced multilateralism?
- Lecture 4: (19th October 2021): What effect has the pandemic had on our efforts to achieve gender equality?

## METHODOLOGY

The lectures will take place via the medium of zoom.

### Technical Requirements

UNITAR will not provide refunds for customers who face technical issues beyond UNITAR's direct control. UNITAR recommends that all prospective participants test Zoom for free at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) prior to confirming their payment.

Basic system requirements:

- Stable internet connection
- Speakers and a microphone
- A webcam or HD webcam

Or, a HD cam or HD camcorder with video capture card

Please see further information about all technical requirements for participating in this e-workshop here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362023-System-Requirements-for-PC-Mac-and-Linux>

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

The lecture series is addressed to staff of the United Nations, government officers in ministries, as well as staff of

other intergovernmental / nongovernmental organizations. It also targets entry-level and mid-career diplomats working in a multilateral setting. Members of the private sector and students are also encouraged to join.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The funds received through participants fees will be used to grant scholarships for participants from SIDS and LDCs for UNITAR's international law courses.

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