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Sustainability After COVID-19

The coronavirus pandemic quickly upended economies, societies and communities around the world. The #GGKPwebinar series *Sustainability After COVID-19* invited experts from leading institutions to discuss the impacts of the pandemic on issues ranging from poverty to gender, nature, supply chains, waste and the global Green New Deal movement. Discussions centred on what it would take to achieve an inclusive, green recovery, including fiscal policies, sustainable finance, green buildings and construction, and more.

21 April 2020

Sustainability After COVID-19

Voices from leading international organizations



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In this webinar, experts from leading institutions—Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank—discussed the most pressing big-picture questions around sustainability and COVID-19: What does COVID-19 mean for sustainable development? What would an ideal long-term COVID-19 stimulus package look like? Are existing green economy solutions being overlooked in COVID-19 response strategies? What kinds of support measures are needed for low- and middle-income countries? What is missing from the broader conversation around COVID-19 response strategies?



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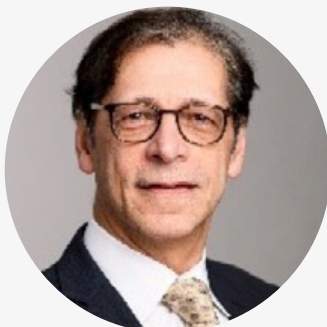
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“The challenge and the opportunity are certainly far larger than anything the world has seen since the end of WWII in terms of the amount of money that’s available to shift and build economies.”

Richard Damania

28 April 2020

Public policies for inclusive green growth



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What economic impacts should we anticipate from the COVID-19 crisis? How will COVID-19 impact sustainable development goals on [poverty reduction](#) and [equality](#)? What actions should governments take to achieve [balanced inclusive green growth](#) through their COVID-19 response? How can the green growth community support an inclusive COVID-19 response?



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“What this pandemic is doing... is activating our thinking about how economies are unequal, and how these inequities actually create vulnerabilities for the global economy itself.”

Kevin Urama

12 May 2020

Can the global Green New Deal movement survive the pandemic?



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Are there trade-offs or synergies between financing economic recovery and transitioning towards sustainability? Which areas, sectors or activities should be prioritized in a Green New Deal, given the economic crisis and competing claims? What could a [Green Deal](#) look like in a developing country context?



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**“Any Green New Deal has to be workable and affordable.
It has to pay for itself. And there’s a way to do that.”**

Edward B. Barbier

The medical waste response



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How can countries design effective COVID-19 medical waste management strategies and action plans?
How can the international community support developing countries to manage COVID-19 medical waste?
How can we avoid medical waste crises in the future? What are the opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses in sustainable medical waste management?



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“What we really need to be focusing on is taking the opportunity, if we can call it that, of the COVID epidemic to really accelerate what we know already needs to be done.”

Kate Medlicott

26 May 2020

Building gender equality into the response



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How do crises and economic downturns impact women? Why do we need [gender disaggregated data](#)? How does gender equality and women's empowerment support sustainability and resilience? How can we promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the COVID recovery? What could happen if we fail?



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“When there is no data, it is very difficult to have political action. We need to make our politicians accountable by making sure we can quantify the action, and also measure the impact.”

Christine Lins

2 June 2020

Valuing nature in the post-pandemic world



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What does nature have to do with COVID-19? How can governments and businesses better value natural and social capital for informed decision-making? How can investment in biodiversity and natural capital support long-term economic recovery from the COVID-19 fallout?



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“We’re not going to solve our current problems using the same type of short-term thinking that got us here. We need to think longer term, with a systems approach.”

Lynda Mansson

9 June 2020

Building resilient supply chains through resource efficiency



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How can resource efficiency support business recovery from COVID-19? What support services do SMEs along the supply chain need to implement resource efficiency measures? Do these services exist? How can they be accessed? How can industry and policymaker collaboration ensure that post-COVID-19 resource efficiency measures are adapted to supply chain needs? How can multinationals support their supply chains to become more resource efficient as they build back better?



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“Policymakers have the opportunity to use the carrot and stick, or both, within this crisis. How do you provide benefits and opportunities for companies to deal better with this?”

Mariana Heinrich

23 June 2020

Exploring the future of green buildings and construction



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Why are COVID-19 stimulus packages important for a green transformation of the construction sector? How can COVID-19 stimulus packages balance between building new and improving the old? What role should material efficiency play in post-COVID construction projects? How can industry and government work together to improve sustainability along construction supply chains?



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“The question is, how do we decarbonize heavy building materials? We need technology, research and huge incentives to turn these industries from brown to green”

Marcene Mitchell

30 June 2020

How can private finance support a sustainable recovery?



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How will ESG investing evolve to help build back better from COVID-19? How will green and social bonds provide long-term financing for a just transition? How will private investment address global challenges like climate change and biodiversity loss in a post-COVID world?



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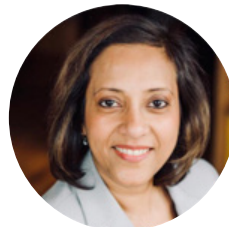
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“We need more awareness so that every person, every component or entity within a value chain understands what ESG is and what it should do.”

Dorothy Maseke

7 July 2020

Fiscal policies to green the recovery



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Why does sustainability need to be at the core of the COVID-19 recovery and how green are current COVID-19 stimulus packages? How can green fiscal policies deliver on short-term and long-term national priorities for a green and inclusive COVID-19 recovery? How can good green fiscal policy design address sensitive political economy challenges and just transition concerns?



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“It’s a binary decision: Do governments want to be putting capital towards industries that are clearly dying and requiring this government spending, or do we want to be catalysing new trends that are starting to develop?”

Brian O'Callaghan