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Global Policy Dialogue Series

Financing Global Climate Action and Promoting Digital Solutions

Building a Global Coalition for Sustainability after COVID-19
Session 4 of the UN DESA Global Policy Dialogues for Climate Action

Programme

Wednesday, 30 June 2021, 8:30-10:00 a.m. EDT

Introduction

(2 minutes)

- **Ms. Ariel Alexovich**, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

Opening remarks

(5 minutes)

- **Mr. Selwin Hart**, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Climate Action and Assistant Secretary-General for the Climate Action Team

Discussion 1: Financing climate action during a global pandemic

(40 minutes)

- **Mr. Virender Duggal**, Principal Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank
- **Ms. Shehnaaz Moosa**, Director of the Southern Africa Climate Finance Partnership at SouthSouthNorth
- **Ms. Shari Spiegel**, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- **Mr. Daniele Violetti**, Director, Means of Implementation, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Moderator: Mr. Anthony Langat, freelance climate reporter based in Kenya

Keynote remarks

(5 minutes)

- **Ms. Olga Algayerova**, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Discussion 2: Scaling up digital solutions for mitigating climate change

(30 minutes)

- **Mr. Kwame Ababio**, Senior Programme Officer, Advisory Services, African Union Development Agency
- **Ms. Susanne Baker**, Associate Director, Climate, Environment and Sustainability, techUK
- **Mr. Josiah Hester**, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, and Director of the Ka Moamoa Ubiquitous and Mobile Computing Lab, working toward a sustainable future for computing informed by Native Hawaiian knowledge
- **Mr. Faisal Kazim**, Senior Project Manager, Dubai Future Foundation

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Closing remarks

(5 minutes)

- **Mr. Elliott Harris**, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist

Conclusion

(1 minute)

Moderator