

## World Leaders Summit

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# Dialogue on building a more prosperous development path: Matching the scale of the moment



## Description

Building a more prosperous development path requires broad and bold actions. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the only current global call for solidarity, yet has faced scrutiny. Many, including among younger generations, have questioned the deliverables of international institutions and their ability to reshape current systems and to address current and future challenges. The international community largely agrees on the need for more and better cooperation and solidarity, to build a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future. This has been emphasized in many areas, such as producing and distributing vaccines; cooperating on and regulating science, technology and innovation; reforming the international financial system; granting debt suspension and relief; addressing illicit financial flows; rebuilding trust in the multilateral trading system and enhancing it with safety-net measures for vulnerable countries; and aiming to decouple growth from carbon dioxide emissions. Agreement on the need for cooperation is essential and the actual implementation and deepening of cooperation is fundamental.

This dialogue is targeted at key players in international cooperation, especially at the multilateral level. The discussion will focus on how cooperation and multilateralism should look and be transformed in order to rebuild trust and be at the service of development in motion and reflective of new power balances and actors.

## Key issues

- 1. International cooperation.** What has hindered further cooperation in the area of trade and development? How can the international community ensure that it lives up to the promise to deepen international cooperation and promote cooperation, to “build back better” on the ground?



# OVERVIEW

- 2. Multilateralism.** How should multilateralism at the service of development look and how can it be realized? What is needed in the short term to reinvigorate multilateralism as an effective tool?
- 3. A new development path.** What role should networks and coalitions play and which new forms of dialogue and tools are required to support a more holistic development path? Is the international community willing and able to change development paths?

## Participants

Introductory remarks:

**Ms. Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

**Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta**, President, Republic of Kenya

**Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali**, President, Guyana

**Mr. Imran Khan**, Prime Minister, Pakistan

**Ms. Raquel Peña**, Vice-President, Dominican Republic

**Ms. Vera Songwe**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**Ms. Winnie Byanyima**, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

**Mr. Mauricio Claver-Carone**, President, Inter-American Development Bank

Moderators:

**Mr. Peter Okwoche**, Senior Broadcast Journalist, BBC

**Ms. Sharon Marshall**, Senior Broadcast Journalist and Communications Specialist

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