

Friday 12 March 2021



2–3.30 p.m. CET



**HIGH-LEVEL
POLICY DIALOGUE**

**Development Challenges of COVID-19:
What Role can E-commerce and Digital Trade Play?**

Programme

Fireside chat (15 minutes)

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Discussion led by **Ms. Karen Lam**, Former Host and Journalist at Channel News Asia, Author and Communication Coach

Setting the scene (15 minutes)

Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Mr. Mario Castillo, Director, International Trade and Integration Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Mr. Olaf Wientzek, Director, Multilateral Dialogue Geneva, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Interactive panel discussion (50 minutes)

H.E. Ms. Zhanar Aitzhanova, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations and other International Organizations

H.E. Mr. Samheng Bora, Undersecretary of State, Minister of Commerce, Cambodia

Mr. François Martins, Director, Public Policy, Mercado Libre, Brazil

Ms. Arlin Chondro, Founder, Peek.Me Naturals, Indonesia

Views from the audience *key elements for a sustainable recovery strategy*

Closing remarks (5-10 minutes) *Charting a way to sustainable recovery*

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkır, President of the United Nations General Assembly