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Harnessing Climate & SDGs Synergies to Recover Better and Stronger from the Covid-19 Pandemic

Webinar 1 - Thinking ahead for a Sustainable, Just & Resilient Recovery

Thursday 28 May, 9 – 11:30 am (NY time)

Webinar 1 will focus on the challenges of forward-planning in a time of intersecting crises. Diverse practitioners and thought leaders will reflect on the role of climate & SDG synergies in recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. Using examples, panelists will suggest practical measures that stakeholders can use to better account for trade-offs and harness synergies in their recovery planning process.

- What does the Covid-19 pandemic mean for countries' National Determined Contributions?
- What links Covid-19 responses, thus far, to climate & sustainable development objectives?
- How can stakeholders avoid entrenching trade-offs in their recovery strategies?
- What examples illustrate the potential of climate & SDG synergies in recovery contexts?
- How can synergies be monitored for transparency & accountability?

1. Opening Remarks moderated by Alexander Trepelkov, UN DESA
Mr. Liu Zhenmin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Ms. Patricia Espinosa, UNFCCC Executive Secretary
2. Panel: Planning for Synergies, Moderated by Zitouni Oulddada, FAO
Climate, Health and Inclusive Growth in the Context of Pandemic Recovery <i>Speaker:</i> Thibaud Voita, NDC Partnership <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Henning Wuester, ICAT <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Major Groups Representative
Integrated Planning <i>Speaker:</i> Jason W. Veysey, SEI Deputy Director <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Jane Ellis, OECD [TBC]
Monitoring Synergies for Transparent & Accountable Covid-19 Recovery <i>Speaker:</i> Karen Holm Olsen, UNEP/DTU <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Dr. Junichi Fujino, IGES <i>Lead Discussant:</i> Felipe De Leon, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
3. Closing