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### Short Summary of Webinar 3:

#### Going Forward with Climate & SDG Synergies for Recovery, 25 June 2020

Webinar 3 focused on the next steps to advance climate and SDG synergies over the coming year. Experts on food, biodiversity, oceans and transport proposed specific ways to leverage intergovernmental processes to help drive synergistic a recovery to the Covid-19 pandemic. They suggested targets, tools, and examples of climate & SDG multipliers, that – carried forward – can help to enable and motivate intentional, coordinated efforts to maximize climate & SDG co-benefits.

UN DESA presented a synthesis of the Synergies Consultations, to date, noting the higher than expected engagement of 1,400+ participants. Key messages and recommendations were proposed to frame the Consultation final report. Discussants responded, pointing to a range of essential actions for follow up.

Participants agreed to pursue climate & SDG synergies in their respective areas of work; while working to build & strengthen the cross-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder collaboration required to apply synergies in practice. Stepped up action & focused collaboration was deemed particularly important to:

- Strengthen local capacities to analyze, monitor and build climate & SDG synergies in recovery plans.
- Advocate for recovery spending that aligns with - rather than displaces – measures essential to SDG and Paris climate commitments.
- Focus the efforts of diverse actors on key opportunities to recover faster, better and stronger from the Covid-19 pandemic; drawing on examples and evidence of synergies in practice, including in the context of intergovernmental processes.

Next steps:

- Bring key messages to UN High Level Political Forum [Side Event Climate & SDG Synergies 13 July, 7:30AM, NY time);
- Complete final report of the Synergies Consultations in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020, drawing on contributions and continued feedback from the synergies community;
- Launch Final Report to inform relevant intergovernmental processes and preparations for COP26;
- Develop on-line learning materials and the knowledge platform, to guide and encourage the application of climate & SDG synergies in practice- including in pandemic recovery measures.

#### Webinar 3 Speakers:

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For more on Webinar 3, the consultations and climate & SDG synergies, visit :

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/climate-sdgs-synergies2020>