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**2020 Global Consultations**

# **Consultations on Climate & SDGs Synergies to Recover Better and Stronger from the Covid-19 Pandemic:**

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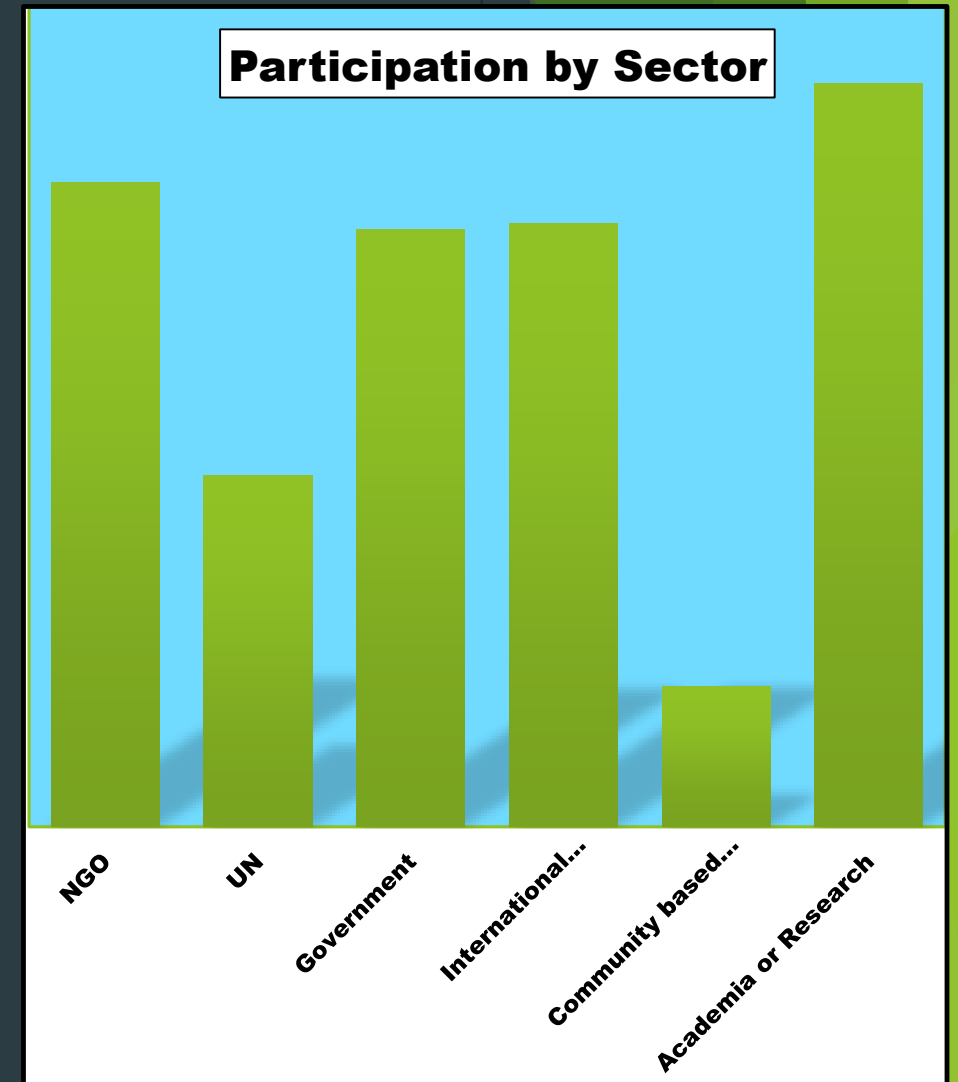
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# Global Consultations on Climate & SDGs Synergies to Recover Better and Stronger from Covid-19

## Highlights thus far:

Broad participation!

- ▶ 1,500+ participants from 105 countries
- ▶ 30 speakers; 7 disciplines
- ▶ More than 4,000 viewed on FB Live; 421+ active engagements
- ▶ 77 questionnaires



## Early thinking on the Final Report:

### Key messages

#### Climate & SDG synergies widely considered key to a better, stronger recovery

- ▶ Recovery measures are big and urgent enough to unite actors to go beyond crisis response, to build resilience and deliver climate and SDG objectives.
- ▶ SDGs & Climate Change are - in turn- big and urgent enough to drive the public investment, collective action and inclusive growth required to recover.
- ▶ Existing -proven- initiatives can be scaled to improve lives now, while laying the ground for a climate-responsible economic recovery and just transitions.
- ▶ Renewables & green infrastructure, social protection, health and social services, eco-system restoration and sustainable agriculture - present opportunities to maximize climate and SDG co-benefits.

# Early thinking on the Final Report:

## Key messages

### Integrated planning to date offers important lessons

- ▶ Coordination and capacity shortfalls are reoccurring barriers in practice- including to analyze and plan for climate-SDG synergies.
- ▶ Inclusive, localized approaches to planning reveal many context specific synergies -visible by engaging diverse stakeholders.
- ▶ To monitor impact - data must capture the multiplier effects of spending on integrated objectives
- ▶ Countries increasingly working towards monitoring climate & SDG synergies in context of the Paris Agreement's enhanced transparency framework.

# Early thinking on the Final Report:

## Key Messages

Pandemic brings new urgency and demand for know-how, financing and partnerships to drive climate & SDG synergies - including at local level

- ▶ To address underlying systemic risks and facilitate just transitions - sustained, longer term financing and coordination is required.
- ▶ Public debt from the COVID lockdown risks reducing real or perceived fiscal space for public investment, particularly in the global South.
- ▶ Fiscal space need not be a binding constraint for recovery; steps can be taken to maintain and build fiscal space
- ▶ Longer-term investment require strong support from society, built through social dialogue and civic engagement in planning for recovery policies and just transitions.

## Early thinking on the Final Report:

### Recommendations

- ▶ Countries should use the opportunity to redouble their SDG and Climate efforts, and advance a just, resilient and sustainable recovery; monitoring recovery plans against more ambitious NDC targets, required under the Paris Agreement
- ▶ At a minimum, COVID recovery measures should be monitored against NDCs and national SDGs, prompting action to ensure progress is not reversed
- ▶ To realize climate & SDG synergies, recovery planning must prioritize and include marginalized and vulnerable communities; reflect the key role of sub-national authorities, women, indigenous and local communities.
- ▶ Collective action, technologies and know-how must reach across local, national and global levels - to facilitate and enable climate & SDG synergies for recovery.

# Early thinking on the Final Report:

## Recommendations

- ▶ Relevant intergovernmental processes e.g. biodiversity, oceans, transport, disaster, food systems, energy, etc. should be leveraged to strengthen synergetic responses
- ▶ Actors in climate, socioeconomic, environmental, human rights and other spheres - should work through coalitions to:
  - ▶ Strengthen the capacity of national and local stakeholders to build climate & SDG synergies into recovery plans & initiatives
  - ▶ Advocate for recovery spending that aligns with - rather than displaces - measures essential to SDG and Paris climate commitments.

We welcome your contributions and specific proposals

## Early thinking on the Final Report:

### Next Steps

- ▶ Reflect actions and contributions made here today
- ▶ Draft key messages for consultations
- ▶ High Level Political Forum
- ▶ Launch of the final report (4<sup>th</sup> Q, 2020)
- ▶ Development of on-line learning materials and knowledge platform (3-4<sup>th</sup> Q, 2020)
- ▶ Planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Climate-SDGs Synergy Conference in 2021