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Joint High-Level Event: UNDP, UNCTAD, ILO, UNDESA

The role of business and the financial sector in financing a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19

Programme

Date: Tuesday 13 July 2021

Timing: 8.00 – 9.00 am EST

Opening – 8.00 am – 8.15 am	
Welcome remarks	Representatives of Canada and Jamaica, Co-conveners of the Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond
Opening remarks	Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General (tbc)
Opening panel – 8.10 am – 8.25 am	
Moderator: London School Nicholas Alan Brown (tbc)	
Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator	
Guy Ryder, Director General ILO	
Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary General UNCTAD	
Interactive Ministerial panel – 8.25 am – 8.40 am	
Minister of Science and Technology, Botswana(tbc)	
Minister of Labour, Bangladesh (tbc)	
Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner European Union, International Partnerships (tbc)	
Interactive Stakeholders panel – 8.40 am – 9.00 am	
Private sector representative	WFSX Chair (tbc)
International Finance Corporation	Matthew Gamser, CEO of the SME Finance Forum at IFC (tbc)
Financial sector representative	Siemens CEO (tbc)
Civil society organization/ women groups	CUTS Chair (tbc)
Wrap up by moderator	