

**Joint meeting of the Second Committee of the General Assembly at its 75th session and the
Economic and Social Council
Wednesday, 14 October 2020, 3 pm**

**“Developing sustainable infrastructure and utilizing science and technology
in response to COVID-19”**

PROGRAMME

3:00 pm Opening remarks

- **H.E. Ambassador Amrit Bahadur Rai**, Chair of the Second Committee
- **H.E. Ambassador Munir Akram**, President of the Economic and Social Council

Panel 1. Developing sustainable infrastructure (3:10 – 4:00 pm)

Panelists will make introductory remarks for five minutes each (3:10-3:30 pm) followed by questions from delegations (3:30-4:00 pm)

Mr Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, DESA (*moderator*)

1. **Mr. Dolf Gielen**, Director, Innovation and Technology Center, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
2. **Mr Christian Deseglise**, Head of Sustainable Finance and Investments, HSBC
3. **Mr John Genda Walala**, Director, Local Government Inspection at the Ministry of Local Government, Uganda

Panel 2. Role of science and technology in combating and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic (4:00 – 4:55 pm) Panelists will make introductory remarks for five minutes each (4:00-4:30 pm) followed by questions from delegations (4:30-4:50 pm)

Mr Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, DESA (*moderator*)

1. **Ms. Julia Glidden**, Corporate Vice President Worldwide Public Sector, Microsoft
2. **Ms. Xiaolan Fu**, Founding Director of the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD), Oxford University
3. **Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi**, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

4:55 pm: Closing remarks

- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under-Secretary-General, UN DESA
- **H.E. Ambassador Munir Akram**, President of the Economic and Social Council
- **H.E. Ambassador Amrit Bahadur Rai**, Chair of the Second Committee