

Transformations within reach

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2020

Time: 9:00–10:00 EDT or 15:00–16:00 CEST

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AGENDA (draft)

Opening remarks	Heide Hackmann , Chief Executive Officer of ISC
Message from Government of Norway	H.E. Dag-Inge Ulstein , Minister of International Development of Norway
Message from Government of South Africa	Representative for South Africa, <i>tbc</i>
Message from former UN Secretary General	H.E. Ban Ki-moon , former UN Secretary General of the United Nations and Patron of the IIASA – ISC Consultative Science Platform
Presentation of the key recommendations for Transformations within Reach	H.E. Mary Robinson , Patron of the Institute of Human Rights and Business, Chair of the Elders, Chair of the Advisory Board of the IIASA – ISC Consultative Science Platform
Perspectives from the private sector on Transformations within Reach	Peter Bakker , President and CEO of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development
Q&A - lead by moderator	Leena Srivastava , Deputy Director General for Science of IIASA
Closing Remarks	Albert van Jaarsveld , Director General and CEO of IIASA

BACKGROUND: Starting in May 2020, the **International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)**, and the **International Science Council (ISC)**, launched the **IIASA – ISC Consultative Science Platform: Bouncing Forward Sustainably Post COVID-19**. The two organizations have drawn on their combined strengths, expertise and large scientific communities, to come up with a set of insights and recommendations based on a series of online consultations that have brought together over 200 experts from all the regions of the world. These online consultations have focused on four themes: strengthening science systems, responsive governance, resilient food systems, and sustainable energy. The platform is informed and supported by an advisory board under the patronage of the former UN Secretary General, H.E. Ban Ki-moon and the Chair of the Elders H.E. Mary Robinson. Currently, the initiative has the following partners: Ban Ki-moon Center, Future Earth, Earth League, and Vienna Energy Forum. (Further information on: <https://covid19.iiasa.ac.at/isc/>).

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this event, co-hosted by the Governments of Norway and South Africa, is to present a summary of the *key insights and recommendations* that have emerged from these extensive consultations that are directed to policy and decision makers on what the initiative is referring to as “**Transformations within Reach: Operationalizing a Sustainable and Equitable New Normal**”. The message being that we have an extraordinary opportunity to introduce game-changing measures that will help us build a more equitable and sustainable world. But equally important, the message is also that we have an urgent need to assess what we have learned from the COVID-19 response and to determine what has worked (and thus should be preserved and built on) and what did not (and thus should be avoided). *The key insights and recommendations* are meant to suggest a way to achieve this.