

Digital Summit: Global Development beyond COVID-19



Thursday 24 September 2020

Programme

- 10:30** Welcome from the Chair Talat Yaqoob FRSE, Independent Consultant and Researcher
- 10:35** Opening keynote Jenny Gilruth MSP, Minister for Europe and International Development
- 11:00** Sessions 1 (see page 2 for details)
- A. COVID-19 and the funding landscape: searching for silver linings
 - B. How can we ensure a COVID-19 recovery that addresses deep-rooted inequalities?
 - C. COVID-19 as a catalyst to shift the power in partnerships
- 11:50** Short break
- 12:00** Sessions 2 (see page 2 for details)
- A. Climate change and COVID-19: Resilience against converging crises
 - B. Inclusive and equitable quality education for all – lessons learned from COVID-19
 - C. The impact of COVID-19 on public perceptions of aid and development
- 12:50** Short break and reflections on morning sessions
- 13:00** Lunch and networking activities
- 13:30** Sessions 3 (see page 3 for details)
- A. What have we learned from COVID-19 about effective public health communications?
 - B. Has COVID-19 changed the humanitarian landscape?
 - C. Safeguarding in the times of COVID-19
- 14:20** Closing plenary: Building back better towards Agenda 2030 (see page 3 for details)
- 14:50** Closing remarks from the Chair
- 15:00** Event close

Breakout Sessions

Sessions 1 (11:00-11:50)

1A. COVID-19 and the funding landscape: searching for silver linings

This session will explore the consequences of the pandemic for public fundraising and corporate giving, and discuss the future trends for institutional donors. It will also explore innovative case studies where digital fundraising has responded to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1B. How can we ensure a COVID-19 recovery that addresses deep-rooted inequalities?

We know that COVID-19 is hitting the most marginalised hardest. What actions are needed to ensure that equity and justice are at the heart of a COVID-19 recovery, and building resilience amongst those most marginalised?

1C. COVID-19 as a catalyst to shift the power in partnerships

This session will support us to consider the practices and dynamics that underpin partnerships in humanitarian and development work, with a view to embedding more equitable, effective and sustainable working relations.

Sessions 2 (12:00-12:50)

2A. Climate change and COVID-19: Resilience against converging crises

What does the global health crisis mean for the ongoing climate crisis? How can we ensure that organisations learn from both to build resilience in the future? This interactive session will provide an opportunity to hear from experts on what 'climate proofing' means in practice in the context of COVID-19, and also share learning between participants during facilitated small group discussions.

2B. Inclusive and equitable quality education for all – lessons learned from COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the education of almost 1.5 billion learners worldwide. As countries seek to respond to the pandemic, what are the key considerations for ensuring continuity of education for all? This session will explore interventions which have supported learning during the crisis, and how education systems have been redesigned to address gaps and offer improved resilience going forward.

2C. The impact of COVID-19 on public perceptions of aid and development

As our nervous journey out of lockdown unfolds, fears of recession replace fears of infection. Amidst the economic concerns at the pandemic's impact at home, how can we best communicate the increasingly important message about supporting people and communities in the Global South?

Breakout Sessions (contd.)

Sessions 3 (13:30-14:20)

3A. What have we learned from COVID-19 about effective public health communications?

The COVID-19 pandemic has been dubbed an 'infodemic'. During this interactive session we will hear from a range of practitioners about what we have learned from the pandemic about effective public health communications and explore strategies to counter misinformation.

3B. Has COVID-19 changed the humanitarian landscape?

The COVID-19 pandemic is the worst disaster of a generation. How have responses to the pandemic, locally, nationally and internationally changed the humanitarian landscape as we know it? This session will explore this topic, with input from leading figures from the humanitarian community..

3C. Safeguarding in the times of COVID-19

In any crisis or emergency, the marginalised and vulnerable are disproportionately affected and will be at increased risk of abuse, exploitation, harm and neglect. This session will explore the impact of the pandemic on the safeguarding and wellbeing of those we work with, taking a look at new and emerging risks and how can we work with partners to adapt and ensure safeguarding remains high on the agenda.

Closing Plenary: Building back better towards Agenda 2030

Join us for our closing panel discussion, as we explore the question, 'How can we ensure internationalism and a commitment to global sustainable development remain central to our efforts to build back better in Scotland and elsewhere?'

With input from:

- Lysa John, Secretary General, CIVICUS
- Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, Chief Executive Officer, Plan International
- Caroline Rance, Climate and Energy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland
- John Carstensen, Climate Change Lead (International Development), Mott MacDonald