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**Thematic panel discussion 2: Leveraging the power of science, technology, and innovation to fight against multidimensional vulnerabilities and to achieve the SDGs**

Distinguished Co-Chairs,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Panelists and Delegates,

At the outset, WIPO would like to express our sincere thanks for the organization of this important panel discussion. Indeed, in these times, the world needs more than ever science, technology and innovation. The world needs innovative solutions not just to the devastating pandemic, but also to other pressing developmental issues, such as food

