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Global Online Dialogue Series 'Technological and Science-based Solutions to the COVID-19 Challenge' 29 October 2020! 10"00-11"30 a#\$#%DT

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Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a wake-up call for better cooperation between scientists and policy makers within and across countries! "Iso# as spelled out in the \$% &ecretar -' eneral(s report)\$% Comprehensive +esponse to the COVID-19(# trust in science and institutions are the necessary vaccines against misinformation that impedes the fight against the *irus.

' uidance issued b the \$nited %ations Department of , conomic and &ocial "ffairs --\$% D, &". earlier in the pandemic presented a set of recommendations for how the world can impro*e the wa in which science and technolog are harnessed to resol*e global challenges# while lea*ing no one behind! It drew upon the emerging response to the crisis as well as ongoing multi-stakeholder con*ersations in the conte/t of the \$% Technolog 0acilitation 1 echanism -T01 .! , ach recommendation# from increased knowledge-sharing to combatting misinformation2 is critical to reco*er from the pandemic and strengthening the contributions of science towards the &ustainable De*elopment ' oals -&D' s.!1

time of registration and in the Zoom chat during the event! The results of the discussion will be shared with UN leadership and will inform future UN policy briefs on the economic and social effects of the pandemic!

Date and time

The dialogue will take place on Thursday 6 October 2020 from 17:00-18:00 GMT, DT -11:00 GMT-16:00 PST (Antigua) - 17:00 PST Beirut.

Location

The event will be held on Zoom and streamed to UN's [Facebook channel!](#)

Moderator

UN Journalist will moderate the event, handing off to the Regional Commissions for the Africa/Asia

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What are concrete examples of successful innovations that have helped people or institutions deal with the effects of COVID-19?

How can successful innovations be replicated and/or scaled up within and across countries? What are some barriers to doing so?

What can the G20 do to support countries with their innovation efforts and digital governance?

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V# Concluding remarks

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