

**Twenty-fourth Meeting of the
United Nations Economist Network (UNEN)**

Tuesday 21 March 2023 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), opened the meeting by introducing the agenda.

Introduction

Mr. Hanif welcomed the new UNEN members who joined in response to DESA USG Li's recent letter to entities. He recalled that this is the second planned expansion of the Network, the first taking place with the joining of RCO economists in October 2020. He reminded everyone that members contribute in their individual capacities as professional peers, and not as institutional representatives. He encouraged all members to participate in the quarterly network meetings. He gave a brief presentation of two recent flagship reports by DESA, namely the World Social Report and the World Economic Situation and Prospects.

Update on finalization of Policy Briefs on New Economics for Sustainable Development (NESD), Digital Economic Transformation, Fintech and Innovative Finance

Mr. Hanif and Mr. Mukherjee briefed members on the finalization of the policy briefs on

