

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## World leaders to focus on key actions to assist countries battered by the financial crisis caused by COVID-19

NEW YORK, 28 September 2020—Leaders from governments and international organizations will consider specific actions to help countries and people address the devastating financial and socioeconomic impacts caused by COVID-19 at a virtual high-level meeting on 29 September.

Convened by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, together with the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness, the High-Level Meeting of Heads of State and Governmep5(a)-11(t)5(e)-11(t)5(a)11(n)-11(d)-11(t)5(G)5(o)-11(v)23

Following opening remarks by the United Nations Secretary-General and the Prime Ministers of Canada and Jamaica, we will hear from remaining speakers in the opening segment, including the Deputy Secretary-General who will highlight the work of the six Discussion Groups and outcomes of the Ministerial meeting. Heads of State and Government and High-Level speakers from international financial institutions and partners will intervene. The meeting will conclude with closing remarks from the co-conveners.

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## The event

The high-level meeting will be webcast at: http://webtv.un.org/

The full list of speakers will be posted on the High-Level Event website, which can be found at: https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus/financing-development

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