

Concept Note

Virtual Consultation with United Nations Member States

21 July 2020 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (EDT)

via Microsoft Teams, registration is required *

Background

Insufficient financial accountability, transparency and integrity has been eroding the ability of United Nations Member States to generate resources and directly undermines the efforts of the global community to successfully achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In early March 2020, the High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI Panel) was convened by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council. On 24 April, the Panel held the first consultation with Member States, hearing inputs from delegations on country priorities. The Panel also received more than 30 written comments from stakeholders. Summaries and videos of the consultations and written submissions can be found at the FACTI Panel website.

The Panel held its second meeting from 25 June to 1 July, during which Panel members had extensive substantive discussions based on drafts of seven in-depth background papers developed by expert consultants and discussed the outline of the Panel's interim report to be presented in September 2020. A summary of the meeting and some of the background papers will be posted online before the virtual consultation. On 10 July, the 75th President of the Economic and Social Council and the President of the United Nations General Assembly will convene a virtual side event of the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to update the international community on the progress the FACTI Panel has made and reflect on the future direction of the Panel.

Objectives

At this virtual consultation with Member States, the Panel would like to inform Member States about the overall approach of the Panel and solicit comments and feedback on its initial ideas. The Panel would also like to hear further expectations and any specific proposals from Member States based on the progress of the Panel so far and in advance of the publication in September of the Panel's interim report.

Format and Programme

The virtual consultation will be structured as an interactive dialogue.

Opening remarks (10 min)

– *FACTI Panel Co-chairs*

Presentation of the early findings from analytical work (20 min)

- *FACTI Panel work cluster coordinators*

Open Discussion (85 min)

- *Representatives from Permanent Missions to the United Nations*
- *Responses by FACTI Panel members*

Closing remarks

- *FACTI Panel Co-chairs*

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