

Summary of fourth video conference of the High-level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda

30 November and 1 December 2020

The High-level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda (FACTI Panel) held its fourth virtual meeting on 30 November and 1 December 2020. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- (1) Report back and reflect on the regional consultations that the FACTI Panel held in November: Europe (9 November), Asia-Pacific (12 November), Africa (18 November) and Latin America & Caribbean (24 November);
- (2) Report back and reflect on the informal brainstorming meetings that each three clusters held from 22 to 27 October; and
- (3) Discuss the final report.

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to reflecting on the regional consultations. The FACTI Panel Co-Chairs, Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki and Dr. Dalia Grybauskaitė, reported back on the regional consultations they chaired, providing key highlights to the whole group. They further asked the Panel members who were present during these consultations to share their views while other members were able to raise questions and provide comments. During these sessions, the Panel expressed the need for concrete and bold recommendations and reflected on the possibility to develop argumentation and roadmaps to help generate political consensus on systemic changes that promote greater inclusion and equity.

The second day of the meeting comprised discussions on the cluster meetings and the final report.

First, the group discussed the final report, in both substance and structure. Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki presented a conceptual framework for the final report that had already been discussed amongst the Co-Chairs and cluster coordinators. The proposed framework includes an approach that seeks to unify the language in the report while covering the breadth of the topics under the Panel's mandate. He emphasized that the Panel's focus should remain on financing the 2030 Agenda, as set out in the terms of reference of the Panel. Panel members welcomed the framework and discussed its implications.

Then, FACTI Panel members moved on to reporting on the brainstorming sessions that took place at the end of October, chaired by Dr. Dalia Grybauskaitė. Cluster coordinators informed the group of the key recommendations and proposals discussed in their clusters, while other members were able to raise questions and provide comments. It was agreed that the clusters would propose priorities for the recommendations emanating from their work. Dr. Dalia Grybauskaitė emphasized the need for proactive and positive recommendations, addressing the systemic nature of the problem and the shared global responsibility for addressing it. Finally, she reminded the Panel of the timelines set by the co-chairs and the work to be conducted with a view to completing the final report on time.