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## **As governance crises worsen COVID-19 impact, is SDG 16 the key for recovery?**

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Without progress in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 (peace, justice, and inclusion) achieving other areas of the 2030 Agenda will be even more difficult. But COVID-19 has slowed all SDG advances and has highlighted governance failures resulting in increased inequalities, deteriorated trust in public institutions, and decreased access to services – including health services.

To strengthen all aspects of governance, we must understand how the pandemic has redefined the relationship between the state and its people, and how the changing balance of power at all levels can be key for recovery and achieving sustainable development.

This Roundtable will bring together the latest research and expertise on the subject, featuring analysis and perspectives from the Global South.

The event is co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the UN, the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN, and the Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Southern Voice and the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE).

## Agenda

**Moderator:** Mr. Arvinn Gadgil | Director, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre

### 7:30 am - Opening

- H.E. Ms. Adaljiza Albertina Xavier Reis Magno | Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- H.E. Ambassador Mona Juul | Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations
- H.E. Ambassador Rodrigo A. Carazo | Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN (TBC)

### 7:45 am - Global Roundtable Discussion

- Ms. Natasha Palansuriya | Senior Researcher, The Centre for Poverty Analysis
- Dr. Adedeji Adeniran | Director, Governance and Education Research, Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa
- Dr. Carolina Tchintian | Director, Political Institutions Program, Centre for the Implementation of Public Policies for Equity and Growth
- Dr. Anita Breuer | Senior Researcher, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

### 8:30 am - Respondent

- Dr. Pia Becker | Senior Policy Officer, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

### 8:35 am - Q&A and Discussion

### 8:50 am - Closing

- Ms. Andrea Ordóñez | Director, Southern Voice
- Mr. Haoliang Xu | Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP