

Concept Note

Virtual Briefing for the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on the work of the FACTI Panel

11 December 2020, from 9:00 am to 11:00 a.m. (EST)

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.

The Panel has so far conducted two virtual consultation with Member States, hearing inputs from delegations on country priorities. On 10 July 2020, the 74th President of the United Nations General Assembly and the 75th President of the Economic and Social Council convened 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.

The FACTI Panel published its interim report on 24 September 2020. From 9 to 24 November 2020, the FACTI Panel held regional consultations with governments and other stakeholders on the interim report. In these consultations, ministers and other high-level participants discussed possible means to address the shortcomings identified in the interim report. The Panel also invited feedback and comments on the interim report to be submitted by end November. The FACTI Panel is holding its fourth meeting, held as a video conference due to the ongoing global pandemic, on 30 November and 1 December. Summaries and videos of the events and written submissions can be found at the [FACTI Panel website](#).

Objectives

The virtual briefing will update the Permanent Representatives on the progress the FACTI Panel has made and provide an opportunity for interactive discussion on the Panel's work.

Format and programme

Welcoming remarks (10 min)

– *FACTI Panel co-chairs*

Progress on substantive issues (20 min)

- *FACTI Panel cluster coordinators*

Q&A with the Panel members (up to 85 min)

- *Permanent Representatives to the United Nations*
- *Member State delegates*
- *Responses by FACTI Panel members*

Closing remarks (5 min)

- *FACTI Panel co-chairs*

Registration

Invitations to join a Microsoft Teams meeting will be sent to delegates via email. In order to receive the invitation containing the link, please register through the FACTI Panel website:

<https://www.factipanel.org/events/briefing-for-permanent-representatives-to-the-united-nations>