Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet

Featuring:
- Messages from activists living in poverty facing the impact of Covid-19 and the climate crisis
- Message from the UN system and statements by Ambassadors
- Multi-stakeholder Dialogues on eradicating poverty through social and environmental justice

Friday, October 15, 2021
10:00am to 11:30am EST

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Program

Introduction

- Welcome by Moderator Antonia Joy Kategekwa, Strategic Advisor, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa
- Introduction to the Spirit of the Day
- Opening Remarks by United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Administrator Achim Steiner

Part 1: What is the global poverty situation? How is it impacted by the pandemic and climate change?

- Video message from Barclay Owen, an activist living in poverty and facing floods in Central African Republic
- Video Message from Gerry Scardo, environmental activist in the Appalachia, USA
- Moderator leads dialogue between Lenen Rahaman, found of MATI NGO in Bangladesh, and Kerstin Stendhal, UNEP Co-Manager of Poverty-Environment Action and Coordinator of the UNEP Ecosystems Division Ecosystems Integration Branch

Part 2: Building Forward Together: Community based initiatives and dignity at the heart of action and policy

- Video message from La Bise, a family holiday home in France on preserving family links through preserving nature
- Video message from Ana Lucia Santos Da Silva, a community leader from Brazil, on the changing environment and women empowerment
- Moderator leads dialogue between Olivier Richard, Head of the climate and development unit, at the Permanent mission of France to the United Nations, and Glendy Rosales, activist, ATD Fourth World Guatemala

Concluding dialogue between

- Isabelle Perrin, Director General, International Movement ATD Fourth World
- Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights