The COVID 19 pandemic rapidly escalated into a multidimensional crisis impacting the lives and minds of millions of people worldwide, reinforcing pre-existing systemic set of inequities and injustices, and resulting in increased levels of poverty, vulnerability and isolation for the most disadvantaged segments of the population. Simultaneously, the threat of climate change continues to loom on the most vulnerable populations.

For the Global North and South, today’s crisis represents an opportunity to rethink the world we want to see post Covid-19. How do we redefine - together with those directly impacted by poverty - what resilience means for societies in a changing climate? How can strong social protection systems guarantee that the poorest communities' fundamental rights are realized? How can we ensure that new systems of solidarity and governance allow each member of society equal recognition and responsibility? How do we achieve an equitable and just transition towards sustainable economies?

By giving the floor to a variety of UN experts, researchers, and practitioners working in partnership with families living in poverty, this webinar aims at highlighting the urgency of the situation and proposing people-centred solutions favoring participation, solidarity, dignity and respect for the planet.

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