



DESA



**Global Policy
Dialogue Series**



**FUTURE
OF THE
WORLD**

The Future of Communities

**Thursday, 28 October 2021
9:00-10:00 a.m. New York time**

Overview:

In line with the United Nations Secretary-General's efforts to enhance global preparedness for future challenges and crises, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) are hosting a six-part Global Policy Dialogue Series on "The Future of the World" from September 2021 to February 2022 to share insights and analysis on reducing risks and making our future more resilient. The aim of this series is to share the latest global progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and innovative ways to close the gap before 2030, reducing risks. Through dynamic, interactive online discussions, the series will leverage partnerships with UN entities and key global economic and social stakeholders to engage a wide audience.

One such partnership is with the Boao Forum for Asia, which is holding a Global Economic Development and Security Forum Conference from 18 to 20 October 2021 in Changsha, China, and in virtual format. One session at this Forum will be co-organized by the UN and the Boao Forum on the topic of "The Future of Communities: Connecting Urban and Rural Prosperity." The event will take place the week after the UN Sustainable Transport Conference in Beijing, and therefore is in a position to support the outcomes of that Conference as well as the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) happening in early November in Glasgow. The event will capitalize on the broad Boao Forum audience of global thought leaders, however, it will not be public.

Therefore, UN DESA and UNDP, as part of their monthly "Future of the World" Global Policy Dialogue Series, plan to organize a public, online event on 28 October on "The Future of Community," featuring about 30 minutes of the best content from the Boao session as well as an additional, live Q&A session with UN experts who work on implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities. In this portion, the moderator would pose to the experts questions on the future of communities submitted in advance by the audience. Interactive polling also will take place during the live event.

Date and time:

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Platform:

The event will be held on the vMix platform, and streamed to Zoom and the UN DESA Facebook page.



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Language

The event will be held in English with translation into American Sign Language.

Programme:

Welcome and introduction

(7 minutes)

- **Moderator:** Ms. Ariel Alexovich, UN DESA

Video: Best of Boao Forum session

(20 minutes)

Q&A on the Future of Communities with UN experts:

(30 minutes)

- **Mr. Nazrul Islam**, Chief, Development Research Branch, UN DESA
- **Mr. Rajeev Issar**, Urban risk and resilience specialist, UNDP Crisis Bureau / Disaster Team

Conclusion

(5 minutes)

- **Moderator**