

Our analysts work around the clock to compile a comprehensive list of all the events and conferences in the development sector that you will not find anywhere else. Below are some of the most noteworthy events in the sector.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2021



Regional Expert Consultation against Gender Stereotypes in Arab Region

UNESCO's Social Human Sciences Programme is launching this series of six consultations to take stock of the situation related to gender-based discriminations, violence, harmful social norms and stereotypes that contribute to the marginalization, exclusion and increased vulnerabilities of women and girls around the world, especially within the current context of the COVID-19 crisis.

Date and location: **1 February 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/L5YOi>



Inauguration of the Virtual Exhibition on Underwater Cultural Heritage in the SICA Region

How can governments and businesses strike a balance between digital infrastructures that are born global, and trade rules designed in a world where borders and regulatory differences between countries remain? What are the latest changes in laws and regulations relating to digital trade? How will e-commerce be affected? And how can Asia catch up and possibly lead in setting the rules and laws governing digital trade?

Date and location: **1 February 2021** | Online from San Jose de Costa Rica

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/b6Ruy>



Blended Finance and Impact: Delivering the 2030 Agenda in the COVID-19 era and beyond

Building on the success of its 2020 pre-COVID Private Finance for Sustainable Development (#PF4SD) Conference the OECD will mark the first anniversary of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC)'s Community of Practice on Private Finance for Sustainable Development (CoP-PFSD) with a series of discussions.

Date and location: **1-4 February 2021** | Online Event

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/AIhHR>



International conference on AI in Work, Innovation, Productivity and Skills

The 2021 OECD International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Work, Innovation, Productivity and Skills (AI-WIPS) brings together technical and policy experts to discuss the fast-evolving changes in AI capabilities and uptake and to assess their implications for labour markets and societies.

Date and location: **1-5 February 2021** | Virtual

Registration information: <https://oecd-events.org/ai-wips>



Building back better: How can public food and agricultural research institutions be strengthened and rebuilt after the COVID-19 pandemic?

The COVID-19 pandemic presents new challenges and new opportunities for publicly funded food and agricultural research in the global South. Growing government deficits related to the pandemic threaten funding for research needed for sustainable and healthy food systems. Yet, the pandemic and current health research could also spur greater investment in agricultural research.

Date and location: **2 February 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/ZIMk0>



World Wetlands Day 2021

Celebrated annually on 2 February, World Wetlands Day aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet. The Day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

Date and location: **2 February 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/>



ADB-Cambridge University Online Course on Fintech & Regulatory Innovation

ADB, Cambridge University's Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, and the Cambridge Judge Business School Executive Education Limited are offering an 8-week Online Course on Fintech & Regulatory Innovation. The course will examine the latest advancements in fintech, its financial inclusion implications, and strategies and tools for mitigating associated risks.

Date and location: **3 February 2021 to 24 March 2021** | Online

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/3vyR1>

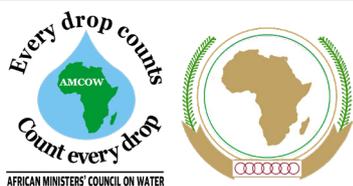


Time to Act: The Circular Economy Action Agenda

This webinar will bring together leaders from business, government and civil society to launch the Circular Economy Action Agenda. Developed collectively by more than 200 experts from 100 organizations, the Action Agenda is a rallying call to accelerate the transition to a circular economy – and to a better future for people and nature. The five reports focus on plastics, textiles, electronics, food, and capital equipment.

Date and location: **4 February 2021** | Webinar

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/jlje4>



8th Africa Water Week

The 8th Africa Water Week will focus on the theme, 'Water Security for Development and Human Health'. The Africa Water Week represents a political commitment at the highest level where governments, regional institutions, international partners, the private sector, the scientific community, civil society, and the media from all over the world, and in particular Africa, meet to discuss and collectively seek solutions to Africa's water and sanitation challenges.

Date and location: **8-12 February 2021** | Windhoek, Namibia

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/H6kS1>



Conference on Strengthening Environmental, Social, and Governance Investment Under the COVID-19 Crisis

This conference will feature research papers that examine the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on ESG investment, its potential to support sustainable economic recovery, and ways to drive ESG investment growth and address related risks. Private investor behavior, the effects of ESG policies on investment performance, and ESG investment implications for social welfare and environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific will also be explored.

Date and location: **8 - 10 February 2021** | Webinar

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/leztR>



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

FAO/OIE/WHO Webinar: Instruments on Antimicrobial Use

This webinar will give an overview and review of international instruments that set standards related to the use of antimicrobials across the human, animal and plant sectors, and their release into the environment, including gaps and opportunities for next steps.

Date and location: 10 February 2021 | Webinar

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/JDvQw>



United
Nations

International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2021

On 11 February, the United Nations, partners worldwide, women and girls will mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. The Day focuses on the reality that science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Date and location: 11 February 2021 | Webinar

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/xHjF3>



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Policy Dialogue on Infrastructure, Technology, and Finance for Sustainable and Inclusive Development in Asia Beyond the Pandemic

This interactive ADBI-University of Indonesia-Toshiba International Foundation policy dialogue will explore the role of infrastructure, technology, and finance in enabling sustainable and inclusive post-pandemic economies in Asia and the Pacific.

Date and location: 18 - 19 February 2021 | Webinar

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/qO4wB>

GVIRF 2021

Fourth Global Vaccine and Immunization Research Forum (GVIRF)

This interactive ADBI-University of Indonesia-Toshiba International Foundation policy dialogue will explore the role of infrastructure, technology, and finance in enabling sustainable and inclusive post-pandemic economies in Asia and the Pacific.

Date and location: 22 - 25 February 2021 | Virtual forum

Registration information: <https://gvirf.org/>



Virtual Policy Dialogue on Post COVID-19 Fiscal Instruments and Green Development

This ADBI-Indonesia Ministry of Finance-University of Indonesia virtual policy dialogue will examine COVID-19 era fiscal instruments and green development in Asia and the Pacific. The focus will be on emerging sustainable finance opportunities, fiscal hurdles, and policy solutions.

Date and location: 24 - 26 February 2021 | Webinar

Registration information: <https://www.developmentaid.org/link/vWZhn>

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