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**TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THE COVID PANDEMIC AFFECT ACHIEVEMENT OF
THE SDG GOALS**

| BACKGROUND

This panel will consider what needs to change to realize SDGs by 2030?. Featuring a panel of people with differing views of how to achieve the SDGs (taking into account the threat of climate change). Emphasis will be placed on the role of economics (differing systems) and policy (differing political systems).

| OBJECTIVES

1. Consider the impact of covid-19 on the likelihood of achieving the SDGs by 2030
2. Consider what need to change for the SDGs to be met
3. What economic systems are most likely to enable the SDGs to be achieved.



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Richard Horton is Editor-in-Chief of The Lancet. He qualified in physiology and medicine with honours from the University of Birmingham in 1986. He joined The Lancet in 1990, moving to New York as North American Editor in 1993. In 2016, he chaired the Expert Group for the High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, convened by Presidents Hollande of France and Zuma of South Africa. From 2011 to 2015, he was co-chair of the UN's independent Expert Review Group on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health. In 2011, he was elected a Foreign Associate of the US Institute of Medicine and, in 2015, he received the Friendship Award from the Government of China. In 2019 he was awarded the WHO Director-General's Health Leaders Award for outstanding leadership in global health and the Roux Prize in recognition of innovation in the application of global health evidence. He now works to develop the idea of planetary health - the health of human civilizations and the ecosystems on which they depend. In 2020, he published *The COVID-19 Catastrophe: What's Gone Wrong and How to Stop It Happening Again*. A revised, updated, and expanded second edition was published in 2021.