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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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