Building Economic Resilience for the Most Vulnerable

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DESCRIPTION

Tackling vulnerabilities, building resilience

To attain the objectives of Agenda 2030, the vulnerabilities of the poor must be a global concern and a shared obligation. We need targeted policies to empower the most vulnerable segments of our societies, such as women and rural communities. And we must foster diversification and productive capacity-building in the most vulnerable and weak countries. To lock in our hard-won development gains, we also need to build firewalls to deflect evolving challenges such as persistent market volatility, slumping commodity prices, flagging trade growth, as well as natural disasters, climate change, and biodiversity loss.

KEY ISSUES

This high-level event provides a forum to discuss the strategies to build resilience, especially among the most vulnerable, and to devise concerted efforts among developed and developing economies to absorb shocks and dislocations.

Specific questions to be addressed by the roundtable are as follows:

- What factors are responsible for the increased vulnerability of economies in recent times?
- How can economies build resilience to shocks to meet the SDGs?
- How can developing countries, particularly the LDCs, foster social inclusion in a rapidly deteriorating global environment?
- What are the tools and instruments for disaster risk reduction in vulnerable economies?
- What are the linkages between peace and security and resilience building?

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