

It's your turn!

AFRICA'S RECOVERY TALK SERIES

Presented by: The Economic Commission for Africa

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PURPOSE, CONTEXT AND SCOPE

African countries responded swiftly and boldly to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. But these responses have come at a cost to recovery. Countries face fiscal vulnerabilities, up to 30 million job losses across the continent, and rising number of people pushed into poverty.

Whilst world economies are opening and moving into recovery, Africa grapples with a liquidity crisis. Vaccines are fast becoming the only economic route out of the pandemic. Yet, whilst some countries in other world regions are reaching nearly 50% population fully vaccinated, most in Africa have yet to administer at least one dose to more than 1% of their population. Access to liquidity, in tandem with fair and equitable access to vaccines, remain central to any progress on this.

Growth is an imperative to come out of this crisis and build forward better. The complex challenges facing Africa means that everyone everywhere has a role to play. That is why we are launching the 'It's your turn!' talk series so that, together, we can generate innovative and disruptive ideas for growth that translate into actions for positive and lasting change.

Over the coming months, industry leaders, celebrities and experts will take a seat with the Executive Secretary to share their vision on what growth for Africa will look like post Covid-19, and what they will commit to do to drive prosperity.

It is our turn for collective action. We owe this minimum to the next generation.

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FORMAT

We have responded but we are not recovering. This Talk series focuses on moving from response to recovery and reset. This is a platform that will allow us to better understand the context, determine the key issues and define the change we want to see in Africa post Covid-19 pandemic. It is also about a shared responsibility, crowding in change and inspiring people to do things in their own space.

Each talk will be centered around this:

Problem analysis

- Sharing the vision: What is the change we want to see?
- What are the underlying causes that prevent us from recovering and what are the best interventions to address them?

Pathways to recovery

- What can we do now and going forward to drive change and prosperity?
- The change we are pursuing is a shared responsibility that cuts across all sectors of society and all of us have capacity to deliver it.
- It is your turn now. What will you do to drive prosperity in your space?

Pillars of change

- Private sector
- Youth
- Women
- Technology and Innovation
- Finance
- Climate action
- Creative Industry