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2020 International Council:
Building a Post-Pandemic Economy and Multilateral System

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LOGISTICS

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SESSION FORMAT

**Format:** 5-minute introduction from moderator; 25-minute moderated conversation; 10-minute audience Q&A.

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**Speakers:**

- **Kristalina Georgieva**, Managing Director, IMF
- **Moderator:** *John Lipsky*, Executive Committee, Bretton Woods Committee and Peter G. Peterson Distinguished Scholar, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

**Session Theme:** The novel coronavirus pandemic has battered the global economy: the latest IMF forecast projects negative 4.9% global growth in 2020 and extreme poverty is set to increase for the first time since 1998. Given these dramatic headwinds, how can the international community and the IMF help rebuild the global economy? In today’s shock-prone world, how can we build resilient, sustainable economies?
FRAMING QUESTIONS

1. **Introductory Question:** The World Economic Outlook was released yesterday. In your view, what are the most important top-line messages in the report?

2. **Economic Impacts and Policy Response:** The world economy is suffering through an unprecedented shock. What have we learned about the regional and global economic impacts of Covid-19? Going forward, how will Covid-19 continue to impact the global economy? What type of policy responses have countries deployed to support their economies?

3. **IMF’s Role:** As the crisis grew, the IMF moved quickly to support members in need and has provided financial support to more than 90 countries. How has the IMF supported member countries? How crucial is the multilateral system for helping countries weather exogenous shocks like Covid-19, particularly in today’s shock-prone world?

4. **Sovereign Debt:** Increased spending and decreased revenue, trade, capital inflows, and reserves have raised sovereign debt levels to unprecedented highs. While massive fiscal measures were necessary to support crisis-stricken economies and combat the pandemic, what must countries do to ensure that such spending is not a drag on future performance? How concerned are you about growing sovereign debt loads, and what can the international community do to support countries at risk of debt distress?

5. **Poverty and Inequality:** The Covid-19 crisis will push more than 70 million people into extreme poverty in 2020, a dramatic reversal of recent poverty reduction trends. In your view, to what extent will the current crisis expand global poverty and exacerbate inequality both within and between countries? Going forward, how can the international community work to prevent developmental backsliding and limit the expansion of poverty and inequality?

6. **Green Recovery:** While the world’s attention has rightly shifted to combatting the coronavirus, climate change remains an urgent challenge. In your view, how can coronavirus response efforts also address climate change? Can investments in green technology and infrastructure stimulate economic activity while also reducing carbon emissions?
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