



# CanCOVID Speaker Series

## Event Summary



### **United Nations Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery: Leveraging the Power of Science for a More Equitable, Resilient, and Sustainable Future**

#### **Speaker**

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#### **Objective**

To provide an overview of the Speaker Series presentation on the United Nations Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery. The aim of this talk was to better understand what is needed for the recovery efforts in the COVID-19 pandemic to address issues of sustainability, equity, and resilience.

#### **Key Messages**

- High and far-reaching consequences of COVID-19 pandemic stalled the progress toward the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations (UN) released a framework for the socioeconomic response to COVID-19, to respond to the pandemic through five pillars for UN action, including health services and systems, social protection and basic services, economic response and recovery, macroeconomic response and multilateral collaboration, and social cohesion and community resiliency.
- The research roadmap mandate released by the UN was intended as a complementary document to the socioeconomic response to turn the COVID-19 recovery effort into a rapid learning recovery effort, by utilizing national and international strategies. The goal was to use any learnings from early in the recovery period to help inform later stage efforts in the recovery period.
- The roadmap articulates five priorities for each of the five socioeconomic pillars, through a series of 25 guiding questions for researchers, organizations, and governments. Additionally, it highlights five science strategies for recovery:
  - Data infrastructure
  - Implementation science
  - Rapid learning systems
  - Knowledge mobilization
  - Science of science

#### **Next Steps**

- Researchers will be able to make use of the 25 guiding questions outlined in the report to inspire or support their work. Additionally, research funding agencies may pick up the priorities outlined in the roadmap such that related research can be funded, and that governments and civil society organizations will ask for further research into the identified thematic areas and support the institutionalization of the research results in decision making.
- [Link to the UN Research Roadmap.](#)

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