



United Nations

**High-Level Event on Financing for Development
in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond**

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1. Background

three main credit rating agencies and other stakeholders to discuss whether in-scope countries could achieve suspension or payment deferral without triggering negative rating actions on country and bond ratings.

The International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) has developed a COVID-19 resource [page](#) including monetary and fiscal policy responses around the world, responses of regulators and supervisors, market practice initiatives and conditions in each of the market segments in which ICMA operates. In addition, ICMA is reviewing the timetables of consultation papers and regulatory implementation that were already in progress and is working with its members and appropriate authorities to have them postponed.

The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) is closely monitoring COVID-19 and its impact on the financial industry and the capital markets, to keep markets operational, resilient and efficient through this global pandemic. [SIFMA's](#) Emergency Crisis Management Command Center identifies the status of industry participants, disseminates vital information and facilitates actions to assist market response and recovery. Coordination is arranged amongst financial firms, exchanges, industry utilities, regulators, government agencies and public sector emergency managers.

2. Main challenges

Including private creditors in debt standstills can be challenging. For many DSSI-eligible countries, the size and nature of debt and debt service obligations are not fully transparent, making inter-creditor equity difficult to establish.

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5. Continued Collaboration

A. By mid- July 2020, at the margins of the High-Level Political Forum

- x Discussion of measures that could be taken to incentivize participation of commercial creditors.
- x Reflection on the Terms of Reference for firms participating in the DSSI.

B. By mid-September 2020, at the margins of the UN General Assembly

- x Discussion on the results in terms of participation of private creditors in debt sustainability initiatives.
- x Consider medium-term actions to provide debt relief, including SDG considerations, as part of a broader initiative.
- x Reflection on possible avenues to advance the [Secretary-General's Strategy and Roadmap for Financing the 2030 Agenda](#) in support of the [G20 Leaders' Declaration](#) and the [Paris Declaration on Financial Inclusion](#).