

PROGRAMME PREVIEW

The 3rd SDG Business Forum will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 17 July 2018. The Business Forum provides a unique multi-stakeholder platform to support business action and partnerships to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) –fostering public-private dialogues, catalyzing new partnerships and alliances, and exploring innovative business solutions to accelerate sustainable development.

Each of the sessions at the Business Forum will be tailored to focus on the 2018 High Level Political Forum’s (HLPF) “in focus” goals.



OUTLINE AGENDA

9:15-10:00 Opening Plenary

H.E. Marie Chatardová, President of ECOSOC & Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations
Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, UN Global Compact
Mr. John Denton, Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce
Mr. James Spalding, Chief Executive Officer, Itaipú Binacional Paraguay (TBC)

Keynote address: H.E Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations

10:00-11:15 UNLOCKING THE POWER OF BUSINESS AS A FORCE FOR GOOD: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGs AND THE ROLE OF BUSINESS

An interactive dialogue between business leaders, government ministers, and other stakeholders to showcase how they are collaborating at the local level to advance national SDG priorities. The session will focus how to build effective multi-stakeholder platforms at the country level capable of driving solutions to complex systemic challenges—and to learn from promising approaches.

H.E. Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Environment, Government of Finland
Amy Jadesimi, Chief Executive Officer, Ladol
Tania Cosentino, President South America, Schneider-Electric
Jean-Pierre Clamadieu, Chief Executive Officer, Solvay
Guy Ryder, Director General, International Labor Organization
Sunny Verghese, Co-founder and Group CEO, Olam International, Chair – WBCSD

Respondents:

H.E. Doris Leuthard, Federal Councillor, Swiss Confederation
Masaya Futamiya, Chair, Sompo Japan Nippon

11:15-11:45 A NEW ERA FOR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS –A CONVERSATION WITH LEADING CEOs

How are leading businesses responding to the challenge of sustainability?
What does it mean to be a “responsible business” in the age of the SDGs?

Roberto Marques, Executive Chairman, Natura
Thato Moagi, Chief Executive Officer, LeGae La Banareng Farms
David W. Mac Lennan, Chief Executive Officer, Cargill

11:45-13:00 LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION FOR THE SDGS

This session will examine innovative and leading solutions for the SDGs in review during the 2018 HLPF. How can policy reforms enable greater action by the private sector and where the UN system can add greatest value? Are the SDGs providing a new framework for innovation? And how are businesses integrating the SDGs as a framework for future growth?

H.E. Luis Fernando Mejia, Minister of National Planning, Government of Colombia
Sylvia Mulinge, Chief Executive Officer, Vodacom Tanzania
Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UNEP
Lars Linden, Chief Executive Officer, Ragn-Sells (SME)
Adnan Ahmed Yousif, President & CEO, Al Baraka Banking Group B.S.C
Rebecca Self, Chief Financial Officer, HSBC

Respondents:

H.E. Senida Mesi, Deputy Prime Minister, Government of Albania
Luis Eduardo Osorio, Executive Director for Sustainability and Institutional Relations, Vale

13:15-14:45 HIGH-LEVEL LUNCH* (By invitation only)

H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly
H.E. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General, United Nations
Lise Kingo, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, UN Global Compact
H.E. Joka Brandt, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
Steve Waygood, CRIO, Aviva / World Benchmarking Alliance
Karin Finkelston, Vice-President for Partnerships, Communications and Outreach, International Finance Corporation
Agustín Delgado Martín, Chief, Innovation & Sustainability, Iberdrola
John Denton, Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce

15:00-17:00 Parallel Session 1: Sustainable Cities

Moderator: Michael Nolan, Director, Cities Programme, UN Global Compact

Panel A: Towards inclusive and sustainable urbanization

Halima Murunga, Chief Business Development Officer, Wonderkid (Kenyan SME)
Anne Gadegaard, Associate Director, Corporate Sustainability, Novo Nordisk

Karine Rouge, President, Suez North America
Antonia Stroeh, Senior Vice President, Public Private Partnerships, Mastercard
Rose Christine Ossouka, Mayor of Libreville
Martha Herrera, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, CEMEX

Panel B: Investing in sustainable cities –How can the private sector contribute?

Lena Hök, Chief Sustainability Officer, Skanska
Gavin Power, Chief Sustainability Officer, PIMCO
Mr. Luis Atala, Corporate Vice President, Banco FICOHSA
Mónica Haydée Fein, Mayor of Rosario (TBC)

15:00-17:00 Parallel Session 2: Making the SDGs everyone's business

Moderator: Jane Nelson, Director of the Corporate Responsibility Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School

Panel A: Supply chains and small business innovating for the SDGs

Kamaljeet Bhatia, Chief Executive Officer, Pumpkart
David Auerbach, Co-Founder, Sanergy
David Croft, Global Sustainability Director, Diageo
Thorsten Pinkepank, Director Corporate Sustainability Relations, BASF
Katherine Blue, Sustainability Services Leader, North America, KPMG

Panel B: Embedding sustainability in global supply chains –The Griffiths food experience

Brian Griffith, Chairman, Griffith Foods
Xhelal Danaj, Relikaj Ltd
Nguyen Thi Quyen, NAM AGRO
Laura Donnelly, Senior Associate, Rainforest Alliance

Panel C: Moving from words to action—how do we make the SDGs everyone's business

Octavio Ibarra, Dean, Universidad del Norte, Colombia
Tony Henshaw, Chief Sustainability Officer, Aditya Birla Group
Issa Baluch, President, FIATA
Monica Diskin, Legal Counsel, ENEL Argentina

15:00-17:00 Parallel Session 3: Policy Dialogue for the SDGs

Moderator: Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Panel A: Multi-stakeholder policy dialogue to advance the SDGs

Dorothea Schuetz, Deputy Director, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Germany
Sergio Londoño Zurek, Director, Colombian Presidential Agency for Cooperation
Rebecca Marmot, Global Vice President, Sustainability, Advocacy and Partnerships, Unilever
Ricardo Dueñas, Chief Executive Office, Ekos

Panel B: The added value of private sector in policy dialogue

Gualter Crisostomo, Head of Corporate Governance, CEiiA
Pierre Victoria, Vice President, Sustainable Development, Veolia
Jerry Kaminski, Chief Operating Officer, Land O'Lakes International

Maria de Lourdes Nunes, Executive Director, Boticário Foundation for Nature Protection
Adriana Leles, Special Advisor to the CEO, SANASA

Respondent:

Hermance De La Bastide, Head of Public Affairs, Pernaud Ricard

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