



10 AM – 1:00 PM | Wednesday, 25 September 2019
Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters

The SDG 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.

OUTLINE AGENDA

7: 30 – 9:30 | **SDG Solutions Immersive Breakfast****

South Delegates Dining Room

The SDG Solutions breakfast will be an opportunity for companies to showcase their upcoming technologies. This two-hour buffet style breakfast hosted by ICC and UNGC will allow companies to erect exhibits or tables dedicated to their latest innovations. It will be an invitation only event and an opportunity reserved for companies that have displayed true leadership in the SDG arena.

10:00 – 10:30 | **Opening Plenary**

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- Ms. **Lise Kingo**, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, UN Global Compact
- Mr. **Liu Zhenmin**, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Keynote Address

- H.E Ms. **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations

10:30 – 11:15 | **Sustainable Financing For 2030**

Some of the world's largest corporations are increasingly vocal about the SDGs. What implications does this positioning have on corporate strategies and business models? What steps can companies take to tangibly integrate the SDGs into their financing, operational processes and internal decision-making? What incentives are needed for investors and companies to expand their investments in emerging and frontier markets? How can governments and investors support a shift towards SDG-aligned business models? Can MNCs help micro, small and medium-sized enterprises to fund their plans for SDG adoption?

- Ms. **Madelyn Antoncic**, Chief Executive Officer, SASB Foundation
- Sir **Suma Chakrabarti**, President, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development
- Ms. **Farzanah Chowdhury**, Chief Executive Officer, Green Delta Insurance
- Mr. **Alberto De Paoli**, Chief Financial Officer, Enel

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11:15 – 12:00 | The Future of Business

This panel will explore the changing landscape of business as it contends with global changes and the challenges associated with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As we approach the deadline for the 2030 Agenda, how are businesses incorporating the SDGs into their organizations? With rapidly occurring advances in technology, what kind of transformation of the workforce can we expect in the coming years, and what are the implications of this? How can ambitious climate action lay the groundwork for a more sustainable and equitable world?

- Ms. **Claudia Azevedo**, Chief Executive Officer, Sonae
- Ms. **Gamze Cizreli**, Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Big Chefs Café and Brasserie
- Ms. **Flora Mutahi**, Chief Executive Officer & Manager Director, Melvin Marsh
- Ms. **Rose Stuckey Kirk**, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility, Verizon Communications

12:00 – 12:45 | Scaling Ambition

While the SDGs have provided a framework for governments to improve the livelihoods of their citizens, and the Global Compact has tracked business engagement with its ten principles, we must acknowledge that there is still so much work to be done. Business and Industry stakeholders must do their part to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This panel will highlight those companies that have gone “above and beyond” the call of duty. Whether they have eliminated modern slavery in their supply chains, invested in the adoption of sustainable technologies, or promoted gender equality in the workplace, the speakers during this panel will be leaders in their field who are working to go the extra mile.

- H.E. Mr. **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih**, President of the Maldives
- Mr. **Cyrill Gutsch**, Founder, Parley for the Oceans
- Ms. **Pamela Molina**, Chief Executive Officer, Agrolibano
- Mr. **Kent Walker**, Senior Vice President for Global Affairs and Chief Legal Officer, Google LLC

12:45 – 13:00 | Closing Remarks

- Mr. **John W.H. Denton AO**, Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce
- Mr. **Paul Polman**, Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chair of the UN Global Compact, SDG Advocate, and Chief Executive Officer, Imagine

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