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My name is Sue Riddlestone, I'm CEO of Bioregional, an ECOSOC accredited organisation, and am making this intervention as a board member of Catalyst 2030.

Catalyst 2030 is a global network of 1,000 social entrepreneurs who are working daily to implement proven, and often award-winning solutions which contribute to achieving the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development. We are part of the social and solidarity economy.

The goal of our network is to share our know-how and efficient business models to foster sustainable local economic development. We wish to increase collaboration through more partnerships with key stakeholders including the UN and multilateral agencies, governments and the business sector to help global society to build back better and accelerate progress towards achieving the full implementation of the SDGs by 2030.

Three organisations illustrate the potential:

Riders for Health empowers the healthcare community with reliable, cost-effective transport. They have 30 years' experience of running fleets for Ministries of Health and NGOs across Africa. Providing constant reliable distribution of medical supplies to communities however difficult to reach. Training local riders and technicians to keep the fleet running reliably.

Industree connects producers in India to markets. Tackling the root causes of poverty by fostering livelihoods for women in the creative manufacturing sector. Tripling the income of artisans by leveraging their skills and integrating them into the economy, supplying retailers such as IKEA.

My own organisation Bioregional works with partners to create zero carbon homes and municipalities, where it is made easy for citizens to live a zero carbon, sustainable life. This is as important for wealthier nations as it is for rapidly developing countries.

Imagine if these approaches were more widely adopted what an impact it could have, and there are many more such models. I invite delegates to explore this opportunity with us.