



9 AM – 11:30 AM EDT | 21 September 2022

As the largest and most globally representative UN convening of business leaders, the SDG Business Forum – co-hosted by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), UN Global Compact and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – highlights companies that are using their influence as a positive agent of change in their local communities and across the world. The SDG Business Forum is a platform for all stakeholders to come together for meaningful dialogue on the role of the private sector in addressing the current economic landscape and to co-create lasting solutions for a more sustainable future. The 2022 SDG Business Forum will provide a unique opportunity for business leaders to hear from members of the Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) appointed by the Secretary-General to draft [the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report](#), one of the only two reports mandated to inform the midterm review of the SDGs at the SDG Summit in 2023. To stay updated on the SDG Business Forum, visit the [event website](#). Interested participants can register [here](#).

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

### Master of Ceremonies :

- Gillian Tett, Editor-at-large, Financial Times; Co-Founder of Moral Money

### 09:00 - 09:20: Opening Remarks

- António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations
- Li Junhua, Under Secretary-General of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
- Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary-General and CEO, UN Global Compact

### 09:20 - 10:00: Session I: Business Action to Protect Global Environmental Commons

*Entry points: Urban and per-urban development + Global environmental commons*

The window to avert the irreversible damages to the Earth's ecosystems is rapidly closing. Business action is urgently required to protect global environmental commons, including biodiversity, the atmosphere, oceans, the cryosphere, forests and the hydrosphere. This session will shine a spotlight on scalable business solutions and effective partnerships in areas such as ocean, water, biodiversity, highlighting that the most effective way for humanity to manage our collective impact on global environmental commons is through integrating sustainability to the day-to-day.

### Keynotes:

- Erika Mouynes, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Panama
- Christophe Béchu, Minister for the Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France
- Nancy Shackell, Senior Research Scientist, Bedford Institute of Oceanography; Member of the IGS for 2023 GSDR

### Moderator:

- Kelly Ann Naylor, Vice-Chair, UN Water

### Speakers:

- Amita Chaudhury, Group Head of Sustainability (ESG), AIA
- Martin Powell, Global Head of Urban Development, Siemens
- Elim Sritaba, Chief Sustainability Officer, Asia Pulp and Paper (APP)

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## **10:00 - 10:40: Session II: Business Response to Cascading Crises**

*Entry points: food system and nutrition patterns + energy decarbonization with universal access*

The war in Ukraine has caused food, fuel and fertilizer prices to skyrocket globally, further exacerbating the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of the SDGs. The supply chain disruptions, the rising cost-of-living for employees, the shrinking fiscal space for governments have changed the operating environment for many businesses around the world, from large multinational corporations to micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises. While multilateral solutions are being developed and political will be mobilized, what can and should business do to navigate these challenges while pursuing our sustainability aspirations? This session will provide a space to discuss business-led solutions to these intersecting crises and their recommendations on urgent actions needed from policymakers.

### **Keynotes:**

- Jeppe Kofod, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
- Gennadiy Chyzhykov, President, ICC Ukraine
- Ambuj Sagar, Vipula and Mahesh Chaturvedi Professor of Policy Studies and the founding Head of the School of Public Policy at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Member of the IGS for 2023 GSDR

### **Moderator:**

- Riefqah Jappie, Representative of the International Trade Centre to the United Nations in New York

### **Speakers:**

- Vitalii Vereschagin, Chief Executive Officer, Caparol Ukraine
- Solange Ribeiro, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Neoenergia

## **10:40 - 11:20 Session III: Business Practices for Sustainable, People-Centered and Just Economies**

*Entry points: Human well-being and capabilities + Sustainable and just economies*

Advancing human well-being and capabilities and leaving no one behind are at the heart of the sustainable and just transformation envisioned in the people-centered 2030 Agenda. Efforts to ensure human well-being and capabilities, particularly of the vulnerable and most marginalized, will deliver long-term benefits and lead to resilient communities and peaceful societies. Multistakeholder action is needed to shape sustainable and just economies and drive much-needed changes around the world. This session provides a space for global leaders to highlight good practices in this area and strategies to mobilize the international community in support of ambitious social justice movements.

### **Keynotes:**

- António Vitorino, Director General of International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Norichika Kanie, Professor, Keio University Graduate School of Media and Governance; Member of the IGS for 2023 GSDR

### **Fireside chat on Multistakeholder Social Activism Initiatives to Shape Just Economies:**

- Gillian Tett, Editor-at-Large, Financial Times; Co-Founder of Moral Money
- Jeremy Heimans, Co-Founder and CEO of Purpose

## **11:20 - 11:30: Closing Session**

### **Keynote:**

- Mariama Djambony Baiji, Young Leader for the SDGs, CEO of DNA SARL

### **Closing remarks**

- John Denton, Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations