Virtual Dialogue on The 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) between the Independent Group of Scientists (IGS) and Private Sector Representatives

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SPEAKER BIOS

Ms. Astra Bonini
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Astra Bonini is Senior Sustainable Development Officer with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals. She leads policy analysis work to strengthen the science-policy interface for SDG implementation including support for the Global Sustainable Development Report and the High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development. Prior to this role, Astra was a senior researcher with the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme and a Research Scholar with the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University. Specific areas of research interest include education and gender equality, the links between inequality and environmental degradation, and food systems transformation. Astra earned her PhD in sociology from the Johns Hopkins University and has a Master of International Affairs Degree from Columbia University as well as a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Prof. Norichika Kanie
Keio University; Member of the Independent Group of Scientists appointed by the Secretary-General to draft to the 2023 GSDR

Norichika Kanie is a professor at the Graduate School of Media Governance, Keio University. Before joining Keio, he had tenure positions at Tokyo Institute of Technology and The University of Kitakyushu and was a Marie Curie Incoming International Fellow of the European Commission and Visiting Professor at SciencesPo, Paris (2009-2010). He serves various committees and steering groups, including: Earth Commissioner, Earth Commission of Global Commons Alliance; SDGs Promotion Round-Table in the SDGs Promotion Headquarters, the Government of Japan; Local Government SDGs Promotion Evaluation and Study Group, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan. In the process making the SDGs, he was the project leader of the "Project on Sustainability Transformation beyond 2015 (POST2015)", a large transdisciplinary project involving a hundred of

researchers to provide inputs into the SDGs negotiation process, supported by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan. His recent publications include, "Governing through Goals: Sustainable Development Goals as Governance Innovation" (2017, MIT Press, co-edited with Frank Biermann), "SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)" (2020, Chuo Koron Shinsha (in Japanese)). He received Ph.D. in Media and Governance from Keio University (2001).

Ms. Norine Kennedy
Senior Vice President, Policy and Global Strategy
United States Council for International Business (USCIB)

In her overall policy leadership role at USCIB, Kennedy highlights the cross-cutting nature of sustainability, and the importance of integrated solutions that mobilize private sector, innovation and investment.

With over 30 years' experience, including as USCIB's lead environment, energy and climate change expert, Norine Kennedy promotes U.S. business participation in international environmental policy and management initiatives, and works closely with industry, government and NGOs to promote sustainable development and green growth. She has served as business and industry focal point in the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and currently is a co-chair of the Business and Industry Major Group (B&I MG) to the UN in New York

She has represented US business at the UN Rio, Johannesburg, and Rio+20 sustainability conferences, at UNEP Governing Council and UNEA meetings, all Conferences of the Parties of the UN Climate Convention and at the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF). She spearheads USCIB's strategic international engagement, which advances inclusive multilateralism and seeks to advance meaningful business engagement, partnership and regulatory diplomacy in inter-governmental organizations for improved implementation. USCIB serves as the only U.S. business group with NGO consultative status to the United Nations, and is the U.S. affiliate of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Organization of Employers (IOE) and Business at OECD (BIAC).

She is a U.S. citizen. holds degrees from Wellesley College and the Claremont Graduate School.

Ms. Cristina Moral
Senior Advisor Climate Policies and International Alliances
Iberdrola

Cristina Moral has developed her career in the international relations and intergovernmental cooperation fields, focusing on the global and regional climate and energy agendas. She currently works on Climate Policies and International Alliances at Iberdrola as Senior Advisor. Previously she was Energy and Climate Analyst for almost 10 years at the Union for Mediterranean, an intergovernmental organization promoting dialogue and cooperation in the Mediterranean region. She also worked at the Spanish General Consulate of Spain in Shanghai, China. Cristina holds a double degree (Spain-France) in Business Management and Administration and a Master's in Diplomacy and

International Relations by the Diplomatic School of Spain. She is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Italian and has notions of Mandarin.

Mr. Silvano De Marte
External Advisor
International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Responsible for leading the international private fórums agenda at IOE, including the B20 and B7 groups, in close collaboration with local stakeholders. In his role, he represents the business sector in dialogue with governments and labour organizations to promote policy implementation based on the sustainable development of businesses and the creation of decent work.

With many years of experience in the private sector and leading public-private dialogues, he coordinated the B20 Argentina 2018 process, and was the Institutional Relations and Communications Manager at the Argentinean Industrial Organization (UIA). Silvano has majored in International Relations and Strategic Communications, holding a master's degree in International Studies in Buenos Aires.

Ms. Kathleen Ebersohn-Khuvutlu
Senior Sustainability Manager
Old Mutual Limited

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Ms. Mardi McBrien
Director of Strategic Affairs
IFRS Foundation

Mardi McBrien is a Director at the IFRS Foundation where she is currently playing an active role in setting up the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB). Prior to the IFRS Foundation, Mardi spent over a decade leading the global ESG standard setter, the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) and the multi-award-winning team to develop high quality disclosure standards and thought leadership on environmental and social issues to drive greater

consistency and comparability of information reported to capital markets. Mardi has enjoyed a vibrant career which involved her leading high profile flagship environmental campaigns for WWF, to working on the United Kingdom's carbon market policy for their Department for Energy and Climate Change and public private partnership management. Originally qualifying as a forester and environmental scientist in Australia (Melbourne University) and agricultural economist (UK, SOAS), her volunteer activities include being the trustee of one of the oldest environmental NGOs in the world, the International Tree Foundation, a founding Board member of WOCAN – Women Organising for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management / W+ Standard, a school governor and a member of the ICAEW Sustainability Advisory Committee. Mardi was awarded UK environmental campaigner of the year by the Sheila McKechnie Foundation in 2013 and in 2021 and was selected as one of the ESG Foundation's ones to watch.

Ms. Shivani Nayyar
Economics Affairs Officer
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(Moderator)

Shivani Nayyar is an Economics Affairs Officer at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Shivani is a development economist with over 12 years of experience in international development with expertise on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), inequality, gender, food security and social protection. She has supported over 80 countries with post COVID-19 social protection expansion and implementation, addressing gaps in coverage, governance and financial sustainability. Shivani was co-author of the last six Human Development Reports (HDR) from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Her recent work includes publications on digital technology, green transformations and the socioeconomic impacts of the Covid-19 crisis. Shivani holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University. Shivani has a M.A. in Economics from Cambridge University, UK and a B.A. from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.