



Shared Responsibility, Global Solidarity

A Virtual Dialogue on SDG 17 and Public-Private Partnerships:
COVID-19 Response and Recovery in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda

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Provisional Agenda

- **Opening remarks**

- H.E. Ambassador Munir Akram, Vice-President of the UN Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN
- Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Economist, United Nations
- Roberto Suarez Santos, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

Moderator: Norine Kennedy, Vice President, United States Council for International Business

- **1) *Partnerships to Accelerate Global Research and Innovation***

Presenting a proposal for a partnership to create a COVID-19 Incubation Lab that will scale up cooperation with WHO-sponsored solidarity trials, share data and information in the public interest, and deploy new AI tools to accelerate solutions to the COVID-19 crisis.

- Dr. Scott Ratzan, Executive Director, Business Partners for Sustainable Development (BPSD)
- Charles Randolph, Head of Global Health, Global Challenges Division, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

- **2) *Partnerships to Support and Build Capacity for MSMEs***

How employers and local governments are cooperating to keep MSMEs, workers, and households afloat, strengthening capability to weather the pandemic and rebuild better

- Nguyen Chanh Phuong, Handicraft and Wood Industry Association of HCMC
- Mthunzi Mdwaba, IOE Vice-President to ILO, Productivity South Africa Chairman

- **3) *Partnerships to curb the pandemic***

Practical joint efforts that deliver on the ground solutions to suppress COVID19 transmission and save lives

- Myriam Sidibe, Harvard Fellow
- Justin Perrettson, Novozymes

- **Q&A**

- **Concluding remarks**

- Keven B. Coon, Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP

