Exploring the SDG Journey

Opening Plenary
26 April 2017
14:00 – 16:00

Rini Simon Khanna, Master of Ceremonies

Take stock of the progress to date on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and hear directly from business leaders who are turning the global 2030 Agenda into local action. Be there for the launch of nine brand-new Action Platforms that will guide sustainability action and creative partnerships on the road ahead. Discover the Global Business Explorer, a digital marketplace for tangible SDG solutions from around the world that will connect experts and entrepreneurs alike to the future of sustainability action.

14:00 - 14:10
Spotlight Story: Building a Movement
- Vibha Bakshi, National Film Award-Winning Director & Producer

14:10 - 14:35
What can we achieve in 5,000 days?
Why we are here: insight on progress made, the current climate and the journey ahead
- Uddesh Kohli, Global Compact Network India
- Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva and New York
- Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact
- Dinesh Sarraf, President of the Global Compact Network in India and Chairman & Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC)

14:35 – 14:45
Special Remarks: Minister of State for Finance Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, the Government of India

14:45 – 15:15
The Blueprint for SDG Leadership
Introducing the UN Global Compact’s Blueprint in conversation with business and civil society leaders of what true leadership looks like.
- Lila Karbassi, Chief, Programmes, UN Global Compact
- Kamal Meattle, Chief Executive Officer, Paharpur Business Centre
- Nisha Agrawal, Chief Executive Officer, Oxfam India
- Claus Stig Pedersen, 2016 SDG Pioneer, Head of Corporate Sustainability, Novozymes

15:15 – 15:50
Driving Impact for the SDGs in India
Local leaders will address national priorities in India, the opportunities and challenges that lie in the global agenda and how business is taking action
- Rekha M. Menon, Chairman, Accenture - India
- Mahendra Singhi, Chief Executive Officer, Dalmia Cement
- Namita Vikas, Group President & Global Head - Climate Strategy and Responsible Banking, YES BANK LTD
- Ruchi Mohanty, UNDP Strategic Partnerships for the SDGs India

15:50 – 16:05
Welcome to the Global Opportunity Explorer
Launch of the Global Opportunity Explorer showcasing inspiring business solutions from around the world and how companies can leverage the tool to advance their business and sustainability objectives
- Marianne Haahr, Director of the Global Opportunity Initiative, Sustainia
Tools and Resources

1. Vibha Bakshi – speaker slides
2. Lise Kingo – speaker slides
3. Lila Karbassi – speaker slides
4. Rekha M. Menon – speaker slides
5. Marianne Haahr – speaker slides