Transformative Business Leadership for a 1.5°C Future
UN Global Compact Leaders Week
Monday, 23 September 2019 | 09:00 – 12:30 | South Dining Room, UN Headquarters

Taking place in the context of the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Action Summit, this event will convene business executives to discuss the future of ambitious corporate climate leadership to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.

Beginning with a networking breakfast followed by two panels, the morning programme will facilitate discussions around the “Business Ambition for 1.5°C” campaign and analyze corporate action four years into the Global Goals. The session will discuss the global shift in corporate attitudes and trends towards sustainability based on insights from the UN Global Compact Progress Report 2019 as well as the UN Global Compact-Accenture CEO Study. It will offer participants an opportunity to take a deep dive into practical business solutions for climate action. The goal of the morning programme is to mobilize more business leaders to take action in tackling the climate crisis climate for our only future through implementable, scalable and replicable business solutions.

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30 Networking Breakfast

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome Remarks – Four Years into the Global Goals
- Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact

09:45 – 10:45 Panel 1 | Insights from the 2019 Progress Report and CEO Study: A Call for Business Leadership on Climate and Gender

This interactive discussion will feature insights from the world’s business leaders who will present their corporate sustainability journeys, describing how they became empowered to adapt business strategy to key developments in the Global Goals. The panel will analyze insights from the UN Global Compact Progress Report 2019 and the UN Global Compact-Accenture CEO Study which traces the development of corporate motivations in engaging with environmental, social and governance issues in core business. This year’s report features in-depth analyses of how trends in climate change and gender equality are informing business decisions as well as other developments that are affecting the integration of the 2030 Agenda into corporate decision-making.

Moderation: Mr. Peter Lacy, Accenture
- Mr. Roberto Marques, Executive Chairman, Natura & Co.
- Ms. Soraya Narfeldt, Chief Executive Officer, RA International
- Ms. Ilham Kadri, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson, Solvay

The Way Forward
- Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact
- Ms. Ann Rosenberg, Senior Vice President, SAP; Global Head, SAP Next-Gen
10:45 – 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:15  Global Opportunities for a 1.5°C Future
Lise Kingo will introduce the new report 1.5°C - Solutions, strategies, and mindsets for our only future, announce the milestone of the campaign Business Ambition for 1.5°C and explore with the panelists global opportunities for a 1.5°C Future.

Moderation: Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact
- Mr. Peder Nielsen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Novozymes
- Ms. Ulrike Haugen, Chief Communications Officer, DNV GL Group
- Ms. Yuki Isogai, Partner and Head of Sustainability, PwC Japan

11:15 – 12:25  Panel 2 | The Solutions to a 1.5°C Future — Making Ambition Loops Work
With the campaign Business Ambition for 1.5°C, a broad coalition of partners — including business organizations — are asking companies to address the climate emergency by committing to set science-based targets aligned with a 1.5°C trajectory for a net-zero future. Early signers of the campaign will share their first-hand experiences of taking the steps towards climate transformative commitments as well as implementable, scalable and replicable business solutions for committing their company to a 1.5 °C target. Building a prosperous, net-zero carbon economy by 2050 requires both business leadership and ambitious Government action. This discussion will engage with decision-makers to help realize ambition loops to upgrade nationally determined contributions by 2020 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 as we move toward COP25 in Chile and COP26 in the UK.

Part I: Energy Transition
Moderation: Mr. Paul Simpson, Chief Executive Officer, CDP
- Ms. Rachel Kyte, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy for All
- Mr. José Manuel Entrecanales Domecq, Chief Executive Officer, ACCIONA
- Mr. Jean-Louis Chaussade, Chairman, SUEZ
- Mr. Kerry Adler, Chief Executive Officer, SkyPower
- Mr. Jean-Pascal Tricoire, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Schneider Electric

Part II: Making Ambition Loops Work
Moderation: Mr. Nigel Topping, Chief Executive Officer, We Mean Business
- Ms. Claire Perry, UK Member of Parliament, COP26 President-Designate
- Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, High-level Champion for COP 25
- Ms. Vera Songwe, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Feike Sijbesma, Chief Executive Officer, Royal DSM

12:28 – 12:30  Closing