The UN Global Compact in Action: Driving Progress and Scaling Impact

Monday, 24 September 2018 | 15:30-17:30 | South Dining Room | United Nations Headquarters

Join us for an more detailed look at some of the forward-looking solutions and progress made by the most engaged UN Global Compact Participants across the Ten Principles and Global Goals. Against the backdrop of the current priorities of the United Nations and upcoming activities of the Secretary-General on financing for development, climate change, and the 2020 Ocean Conference, "The UN Global Compact in Action – Driving Progress and Scaling Impact" aims to inspire action that connects the dots between the world’s most pressing challenges and the innovative solutions that can help business and partners to tackle them at scale.

Join this session to hear from highly engaged UN Global Compact Participants and partners, alongside leading experts, who will share practical insights drawn from their participation across our range of programmatic engagement opportunities. In particular, this session will explore creative intersections between identified themes in our portfolio of Action Platforms and the newly launched UN Global Compact Academy. The session will also serve as a call to action for stakeholders everywhere, including business, to put people at the heart of sustainability strategies and practices — be they environmental, social or economic — ensuring that we work together towards a future where no one is left behind.

15:30–15:40  Leveraging the Ten Principles for SDG Impact

Featuring the launch of the UN Global Compact Academy and the 2018 UN Global Compact Progress Report by Lise Kingo, CEO and Executive Director of the UN Global Compact.

15:45–16:35  From Ambition to Impact for the Earth

Take part in conversations aimed at making meaningful impacts to tackle today’s interconnected issues from climate and the ocean, to water and health. In this session, hear from leaders that are working to set targets that drive actions required to achieve the ambitious goals laid out in the 2030 Agenda and show the positive contributions that businesses can make. Join us in the lead up to important UN milestones, including the Secretary-General’s Climate Summit in 2019 and the 2020 Ocean Conference.

16:40–17:30  Scaling Private Finance for the SDGs — Financial Innovation, Measurement and Reporting

This session will look at opportunities and barriers to scale private finance in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Global Goals. Take part in discussions and explore links between private sustainable investment, reporting and impact measurement looking at (1) the development of a new asset class for mainstream SDG investments — SDG bonds, (2) the opportunity to use national country plans for the Goals as investment roadmaps for private capital markets, and (3) the fundamentals for the measurement and reporting of impact of SDG-related activities by investors and corporate actors.