



United Nations Global Compact

UnitingBusiness LIVE @ UN General Assembly **21-23 September 2020**

For 20 years, the UN Global Compact has been mobilizing a global movement of sustainable, principle-driven companies and uniting business for a better world.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the ongoing climate and inequality crises, it is clear that a coordinated global recovery plan with a key role for business is critical to building a healthier, more inclusive and resilient world. This year, 75 years after the formation of the United Nations and five years after the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UN's mission and the achievement of the SDGs are more critical than ever. The SDGs represent the best roadmap for our recovery and best chance to create the world we want. The only way forward is for Governments, Civil Society and Business to work together to build back better.

Staged virtually on the margins of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the UN Biodiversity Summit and the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, **UnitingBusiness LIVE @ UN General Assembly** is creating the largest and most inclusive opportunity for business leaders to engage with Governments, UN and Civil Society during the high-level week. **UnitingBusiness LIVE @ UN General Assembly** will reflect the key priorities of the United Nations — strengthening multilateral cooperation, creating effective partnerships, sustaining peace and prosperity — and continue to show how principle-based business can build a socially just, low-carbon and climate resilient world.

For three days, **UnitingBusiness LIVE @ UN General Assembly** will showcase commitment and leadership of Governments & CEOs at the **Private Sector Forum (Monday 21 September)**, the breadth of global programming at the **Global Impact Forum (Tuesday 22 September)** and highlight partnerships and action at the **SDG Business Forum (Wednesday 23 September)** in collaboration with the UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs (UN DESA) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Throughout the events, **UnitingBusiness LIVE @ UN General Assembly** will take stock of the state of the world, address gaps in progress, drive business ambition on the SDGs and highlight practical examples and actionable solutions.

UnitingBusiness LIVE @ UN General Assembly will include keynote speeches, multi-stakeholder panels and roundtables, and cross live to key events from the UN General Assembly Hall such as the opening of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly. Programming will also enable virtual networking opportunities through programme-themed meet-ups, interactive breakout sessions and exposition booths.

As the world moves from crisis mode to recovery — join us to learn how business is taking clear steps and demonstrating bold leadership for the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs and transform business models and economies to become more just and inclusive – leaving no one behind.





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Private Sector Forum (Monday 21 September)

Since 2008, the UN Secretary-General's annual Private Sector Forum has gathered global leaders at the United Nations on the first day of the UN General Assembly week to address major global issues such as climate change, sustainable development and human rights. This year we will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, the International Day of Peace and deliver a Call to Action from business leaders to support the mission of the United Nations. The Private Sector Forum will provide a platform for CEOs, Government leaders and UN agency heads to engage in a high-level dialogue; allowing a global private sector and multistakeholder audience to engage first-hand in the debate and discussions. Themes for discussion will include multilateralism, human and labour rights and peace.

Themes: Multilateralism, Human and Labour Rights, Peace

Related GIs/APs: Decent Work in Global Supply Chains; Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions,

Global Impact Forum (Tuesday 22 September)

The inaugural Global Impact Forum is a unique opportunity for our guests to engage with more than 69 Global Compact Local Networks and learn how global corporate initiatives are being implemented through national interventions and programming. The sessions will highlight four UN Global Compact Global Impact initiatives — SDG Ambition, Target Gender Equality, 1.5 Ambition and Young SDG Innovators. Sessions feature best practices from companies, local networks and local governments involved in each. The Global Impact Initiative Forum is the centerpiece of Local Network programme integration and engagement for the week. At 1000am we will cross live to the High-Level opening of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.

Themes: Climate, Gender, Young Innovators, SDG Ambition

Related GIs/APs: Business Ambition for Climate and Health; Target Gender Equality; Water Stewardship; YSIP; SDG Ambition; Ocean

SDG Business Forum (Wednesday 23 September)

This year's SDG Business Forum, co-hosted by UN Global Compact, UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs (UN DESA) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), coincides with the start of the UN's Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs. Now in its fifth year, the SDG Business Forum will showcase companies that are using their influence to lead the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through panels and keynotes, the SDG Business Forum will examine a new form of leadership that has emerged during this crisis – a generation of executives and rising professionals who understand that there are no successful businesses in a failing world. In this context, the private sector – in partnership with governments and civil society leaders – is leveraging the framework of the SDGs to respond to immediate threats in their communities and remedy three critical fragilities which have been exposed by events of 2020: climate change and nature loss; social inequality; and economic exclusion.

Themes: Multilateral Partnerships, Personal Leadership, SDGs

Related GIs/APs: Sustainable Finance; Reporting on the SDGs, Sustainable Leadership Report

