



## THE BIG QUESTIONS

**HOW DO WE REMAKE OUR ECONOMIES TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE  
AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS?**

**WHAT CHANGES TO BUSINESSES AND POLICIES WILL MAKE  
SUSTAINABLE CHOICES THE NEW STATUS QUO?**

**HOW CAN WE RESHAPE THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM TO TAKE  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS INTO ACCOUNT?**

## FEATURING

**PATRICIA APPIAGYEI** Deputy Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ghana

**DANIEL CALLEJA CRESPO** Director-General for the Environment, European Commission

**JEAN-PIERRE CLAMADIEU** CEO, Solvay

**MAME THIerno DIENG** Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal

**JEAN-YVES FILLION** CEO, BNP Paribas USA; Chairman, BNP Paribas CIB Americas

**JENS FRØLICH-HOLTE** State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Norway

**ÁLVARO GARCÍA** Director, Budget and Planning Office, Uruguay

**LANCE GOULD** Co-Founder, Silicon Valley Story Lab

**LENA HÖK** Senior Vice President Sustainability, Skanska AB

**SIIM KIISLER** President, UN Environment Assembly

**RAWLE LUCAS** Ministerial Advisor on Foreign Trade, Investment and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guyana

**NEVEN MIMICA** Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

Moderator: **ZAIN VERJEE**

Former Anchor, CNN International; CEO, Zain Verjee Group

**EDNA MOLEWA** Minister of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

**GUY RYDER** Director-General, International Labour Organization

**RITA SCHWARZELÜHR-SUTTER** State Secretary for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

**NIKHIL SETH** Executive Director, UN Institute of Training and Research

**KAROLINA SKOG** Minister of the Environment and Energy, Sweden

**ERIK SOLHEIM** Executive Director, UN Environment

**ACHIM STEINER** Administrator, UN Development Programme

**VICTORIA TAULI-CORPUZ** UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**MATTHIAS THORNS** Director of Stakeholder Engagement, International Organisation of Employers

**KIMMO TIILIKAINEN** Minister of Environment, Energy and Housing, Finland

**JUSTIN WORLAND** Reporter, TIME Magazine

**ANNA ZUBETS-ANDERSON** Vice President, Senior Credit Analyst, Moody's Investors Service

## INTERDEPENDENT CHALLENGES, INTERCONNECTED SOLUTIONS

When the global community met in 2015 to envision the next 15 years, there was a strong recognition that the greatest challenges we face are interconnected. Poverty, inequality, unemployment, environmental degradation and climate change are inextricably linked. The consensus was that joining forces across disciplines and communities would make the greatest impact; by interconnecting our ambitions we would set an agenda for change. This thinking gave rise to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

At its heart, this Agenda envisions fundamental changes to our global economic system in ways that better protect and foster a greener and fairer world now and for future generations. Macroeconomic policies, business practices and consumer actions must work together if we are to create fairer, healthier options to nurture our world and ourselves.

This shift has started. Governments are placing the 2030 Agenda at the heart of their development priorities. Central banks are exploring ways to finance sustainable initiatives in an amount expected to reach US\$200 billion by the end of 2018. Renewable energy is forecast to be cheaper than fossil fuel by 2020. Young people are leading the charge in demanding socially and environmentally responsible consumer choices. Entrepreneurs, designers, celebrities, our youth and influencers worldwide are embracing sustainability, and setting trends for ethical, low-footprint lifestyles.

But business as usual is still the usual. We need to take these ideas into the mainstream to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the spirit of the 2030 Agenda, we are bringing together champions of sustainability to capitalize on this momentum. We are aiming to cast our net wide in the belief that governments, civic leaders, and people in the public eye all working together can transform our economies and lifestyles to create a greener, fairer world, for both current and future generations.

## THE EVENT

**MINISTERS | INNOVATORS | BUSINESS LEADERS | MEDIA | YOUTH | THE UN**

An open debate and discussion around where we are with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and how to transform our economies and lifestyles that underpin a greener, fairer world

### AGENDA

<b>17.00 – 17.25</b>	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b> Achim Steiner   Erik Solheim   Neven Mimica   Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter   Karolina Skog
<b>17.30 – 18.10</b>	<b>GREENING THE GREEN: FUTURE-PROOFING FINANCE</b> How to drive green investment profitability and disrupt business-as-usual approaches Álvaro García   Anna Zubets-Anderson   Jean-Yves Fillion   Jean-Pierre Clamadieu Jens Frølich-Holte   Lena Hök Remarks by Daniel Calleja Crespo & Patricia Appiagyei
<b>18.15 – 18.55</b>	<b>THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: NEXT GENERATION LIFESTYLES AND ECONOMIES</b> Looking to our young people for inspiration, and looking to enable their choices Kimmo Tiilikainen   Mame Thierno Dieng   Lance Gould   Victoria Tauli-Corpuz Remarks by Matthias Thorns & Rawle Lucas
<b>19.00 – 19.25</b>	<b>WHERE TO NOW? NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS</b> Heads of UN Agencies and ministers Guy Ryder   Nikhil Seth   Siim Kiisler   Edna Molewa
Moderator:	<b>ZAIN VERJEE</b> , former CNN International anchor, CEO Zain Verjee Group
<b>19:30 – 20:30</b>	<b>RECEPTION</b> Compère and featured speaker: Justin Worland, Reporter, TIME Magazine



## THE PARTNERSHIP

ENVIRONMENT | WORK | SOCIETY | INDUSTRY | LEARNING | YOUTH

Since 2013, The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) has grown into an increasingly prominent alliance of UN Agencies, international partner organizations and governments. The partnership is recognized as an innovative and efficient model of excellence for delivering on the 2030 Agenda. Drawing on the expertise of five UN Agencies – UN Environment, the International Labour Organization, the UN Development Programme, the UN Industrial Development Organization, and the UN Institute for Training and Research – PAGE challenges business-as-usual growth and business models, and places sustainability at the heart of economic systems. At the global level, we partner with the donor community, the wider UN system, governments, civil society and the private sector to amplify and accelerate transitions to greener, more inclusive development, and to support future generations and sustainable development pathways.

