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

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

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

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

**JEAN-PIERRE CLAMADIEU** CEO, Solvay

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ERIK SOLHEIM** Executive Director, UN Environment

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

**ACHIM STEINER** Administrator, UN Development Programme

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

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

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

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

**SIIM KIISLER** President, UN Environment Assembly

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

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

**JUSTIN WORLAND** Reporter, TIME Magazine

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

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

Moderator: **ZAIN VERJEE**

Former Anchor, CNN International; CEO, Zain Verjee Group
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

17.00 – 17.25 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Achim Steiner | Erik Solheim | Neven Mimica | Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter | Karolina Skog

17.30 – 18.10 GREENING THE GREEN: FUTURE-PROOFING FINANCE
How to drive green investment profitability and disrupt business-as-usual approaches
Ávaro García | Anna Zubets-Anderson | Jean-Yves Fillion | Jean-Pierre Clamadieu
Jens Frølich-Holte | Lena Hök
Remarks by Daniel Calleja Crespo & Patricia Appiagyei

18.15 – 18.55 THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: NEXT GENERATION LIFESTYLES AND ECONOMIES
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

19.00 – 19.25 WHERE TO NOW? NEXT STEPS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS
Heads of UN Agencies and ministers
Guy Ryder | Nikhil Seth | Siim Kiisler | Edna Molewa

Moderator: ZAIN VERJEE, former CNN International anchor, CEO Zain Verjee Group

19.30 – 20.30 RECEPTION
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.