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## **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, *Transformative Business Leadership for 1.5°C Future* 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.

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**09:00 – 09:30**

#### **Networking Breakfast**

To begin the morning, participants will arrive early to UN Headquarters to network with fellow CEOs and sustainability executives over a light buffet-style breakfast.

**09:30 – 09:45**

#### **Welcome Remarks – Four Years into the Global Goals**

Lise Kingo, CEO and Executive Director of the UN Global Compact, will open the programme.

**09:45 – 10:45**

#### **Panel 1 | Insights from the 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 SDGs. The panel will also analyze insights from the UN Global Compact Progress Report 2019 as well as 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 practices.



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**10:45 – 11:00**

**Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 11:15**

**Celebrating Business Ambition for 1.5 C - Our Only Future**

Lise Kingo, CEO and Executive Director of the UN Global Compact will introduce the new report "1.5°C - Solutions, strategies, and mindsets for our only future". Early signers of the campaign "Business Ambition for 1.5°C - Our Only Future" will share their first-hand experiences of taking the step towards climate transformative commitments as well as implementable, scalable and replicable business solutions for committing your company to a 1.5 °C target

**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 - Our Only Future", a broad coalition of partners, including all business organisations, 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.. Building a prosperous, net-zero carbon economy by 2050 requires both business leadership and ambitious Government action. The discussion will engage with decision-makers to help realize Ambition Loops to upgraded Nationally Determined Contributions by 2020 and net-zero emissions by 2050 as we move toward COP25 in Chile and COP26 in the U.K.

Two panels will discuss *Energy Transition* and *Making Ambition Loops Work*.

**12:25 - 12:30**

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