



Executive Lunch: A Parallel Dialogue on Business Commitments for a 1.5°C Future

Monday, 23 September 2019 | 12:45 – 14:45 | South Dining Room, UN Headquarters

Hosted alongside the Private Sector Forum, the *Executive Lunch* will offer an exclusive opportunity for C-suite executives and corporate sustainability experts to follow the conversation live and participate in parallel debates as the high-level dialogue on climate action unfolds. The discussions of the Executive Lunch will focus on the urgency of setting more ambitious private sector climate targets, showcase interventions by [“Business Ambition for 1.5°C”](#) companies in setting 1.5°C targets and feature mitigation and adaption policies as well as other strategies to support a just transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

12:45 – 13:15 **Participant Arrival and Networking**

13:15 – 13:20 **Welcome Remarks from Moderator**

13:20 – 14:00 **Lunch and Live Feed of the Private Sector Forum**

Featuring remarks from:

- **Ms. Lise Kingo**, *CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact*
- **H.E. António Guterres**, *Secretary-General, United Nations*
- **H.E Jacinda Ardern**, *Prime Minister, New Zealand*

14:00 – 14:05 **Opening Address**

- **Ms. Lila Karbassi**, *Chief of Programmes, UN Global Compact*

14:05 – 14:40 **Moderated Group Discussion: Making Ambition Loops Work**

Session I: Climate Action Now

This session will facilitate group discussion around the pressing question of the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit: How can we increase ambitious climate action? Exploring the motivations for immediate climate action, the panel of this session will feature participants from business to discuss questions in an interactive polling format. Audience members will then have the opportunity to respond to these questions and share their experiences and perspectives, fostering an engaging and moderated group discussion between corporate sustainability professionals.

Session II: Climate Policy for Our Only Future

The second moderated session will feature a multi-stakeholder panel of participants from both business and Government to discuss the future of climate policy, including the steps needed to successfully fight climate change and implement systemic change to achieve the Paris Agreement. Structured around answers to questions posed via an interactive poll, this session will encourage the audience to engage in a multi-stakeholder dialogue on climate policy to align on an urgent and collective course of action in tackling the climate crisis.

14:40 – 14:45 **Closing Remarks**