



Key Take Away Messages - Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment at the 2017 UN Environment Assembly

Title of your session:	Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment
Date and Venue:	Dec 2 – 3, 2017
Organizer:	Science Division
Speakers:	<p>IBM: Vice President, IBM Global Labs, Michael Karasick</p> <p>Philips: Head of Global Public & Government Affairs, Harry Verhaar</p> <p>ENEL: Head of Environmental Policies, Luca Meini</p> <p>International Copper Association: Executive Director, Steve Kukoda</p> <p>International Fertilizer Association: Director Communications & Public Affairs, Yvonne Harz-Pitre</p> <p>China Society of Entrepreneurs for Ecology: Director, Xiaohua Qian</p> <p>Thomson Reuters Corporation: Head of Sustainability, Timothy Nixon</p> <p>International Resource Panel: Co-Chair, Janez Potočnik</p> <p>Belmont Forum: Executive Director, Erica Key</p> <p>Start International: Executive Director, Cheikh Mbow</p>
Please summarize the key messages from your event or session (maximum of 350 words):	<p>Over the past days, top experts from Business, Science and Government held intensive consultations and agreed to launch the UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment.</p>



	<p>The Forum aims to strengthen the interface between science, policy and business in areas related to the environment and sustainable development to help inform multi-lateral— processes including the work of the UN Environment Assembly and regional ministerial fora.</p> <p>The Forum will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accelerate positive change towards a circular economy and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. 2. Identify and promote opportunities for green investment. Trillions of dollars must be channeled away from earth-depleting ventures towards greener investment, more sustainable markets and a healthier planet. 3. Promote Private Public partnership and cooperation 4. Encourage action towards : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowering policies and regulatory frameworks designed to grow technology markets - Innovative green financing - Investment in scientific research, technology and innovation - Build capacity - Strengthen citizen science
<p>Please highlight and specify any voluntary commitments made from Government/private sector/civil society during your session:</p>	<p>Members of the Forum, including governments, businesses, and scientific communities will continue to cooperate on issues of the environment and climate change.</p> <p>Members of the Forum will work together to provide solutions jointly, through innovative finance mechanisms and in order to promote the enabling conditions for a transition to a decarbonized market.</p>



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