



A powerful
and balanced
voice for business



Permanent Mission
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the United Nations
New York



A Decade of Action on SDG Delivery – How to strengthen the partnership with the private sector? Virtual Conference 16th of July 2020, 8am EST; 14 h CET

Version: 12 of June 2020

The Covid-19 health pandemic has deep, far reaching and unprecedented economic and employment impacts, leading to a decline in working hours of around 10.7 per cent relative to the last quarter of 2019, which is equivalent to 305 million full-time jobs. 436 million enterprises in the hardest-hit sectors worldwide are currently facing high risks of serious disruption. This employment and economic crisis is threatening to undermine any progress made vis-à-vis Agenda 2030. Now is the time for bold action to meet the targets of the UN Decade of Action. The global employers' community is ready to join forces with governments and the multilateral community to respond forcefully to this crisis while maintaining and increasing momentum towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard, IOE and KAS have started a series of virtual dialogues between Resident Coordinators and Employer federations to foster local partnerships and to address the many social challenges.

In light of the above, on 16 July during the HLPF there will be a high- level panel to discuss multilateralism, decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), the outcomes of the dialogues between employers and UN Resident Coordinators and business and human rights. The intention is to foster partnerships, seek avenues for better collaboration and establish next steps in fulfilling our desire to ensure private sector engagement at local and global levels in achieving the *Decade of Action*.

Agenda

Welcome

IOE President, Erol Kiresepi

Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Ambassador Dr. Christoph Heusgen

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Executive Director New York Office, Andrea E. Ostheimer



A powerful
and balanced
voice for business



Permanent Mission
of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the United Nations
New York



Multilateralism in Crisis

How can we work better together for the global good?

Moderator: Roberto Suarez Santos

- Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Renate Hornung-Draus, Managing Director, BDA
- Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF
- Mthunzi Mdwaba, VP IOE and VP ILO
- Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director UN Global Compact

Decent Work and Economic Recovery (SDG 8) post COVID-19.

How do we bring the world back to work? A #BetterNormal

Moderator: James Pearson, CEO (ACCI)

- Maria Flachsbarth, Vice Minister, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Guy Ryder, ILO Director General
- Monica Flores Barragan, President Manpower Group Latin America
- Johnny C Taylor, CEO SHRM
- Alexandre Furlan, Brazil Employer Federation and IOE VP

Working together UN, RCs and Employer Federations.

How can we work better together on the ground both public and private sectors to ensure #No One is Left behind?

Moderator: Shea Gopaul

- Robert Piper, Assistant Director General UN DCO
- Mr Siddharth Chatterjee, Resident Coordinator Kenya
- Navid Hanif, UN DESA, Director Financing for Development
- H.E. Mr. Marc-André Blanchard, UN Permanent Representative Canada

Business and Human Rights

UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights beyond 2021: What has worked, what hasn't, what needs to be done

Moderator: Matthias Thorns

- Dante Pesce, Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- Brent Wilton, Workplace Rights Director, The Coca-Cola Company
- Jeanine van Barlingen, VP HR Strategy, ER/IR & Compliance, Shell
- CEO, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited
- Peter Robinson, President USCIB

Conclusions

IOE Secretary General, Roberto Suarez Santos, Andrea E. Ostheimer, Executive Director KAS NY