

WHS Announcements Plenary Private Sector Contributions

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Monday at 15:00, Venue: Harbiye Auditorium

Lise Kingo is the Executive Director of the UN Global Compact which is the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative with more than 13,500 signatories from 170 countries that have committed to aligning strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and taking actions that advance societal goals.

Prior to joining the UN Global Compact in 2015, Ms. Kingo was Chief of Staff, Executive Vice-President and member of the Executive Management team at Novo Nordisk A/S.

Statement

As Executive Director of the UN Global Compact, the world's largest corporate sustainability initiative, it is my pleasure to make several commitments focused on mobilizing business action worldwide to advance the Agenda for Humanity.

First, we commit to raising awareness with our over 13,000 signatories in more than 160 countries on the deep connection between humanitarian priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals – recognizing that there is no sustainable future without peace and stability.

Through our “Making Global Goals Local Business” campaign and practical resources that translate the SDGs for business of all sizes, we can mobilize private sector action on areas that are essential to the humanitarian agenda including poverty, climate, gender, peace and good governance that are essential to the humanitarian agenda.

Second, Global Compact Local Networks in over 80 countries around the world will be encouraged to collaborate with the Connecting Business Initiative to mobilize the private sector locally on disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Third, through the UN Global Compact Business for Peace initiative we will scale up efforts to advance responsible business practices in high-risk and conflict-affected areas. We will further encourage companies to publicly communicate their progress in advancing peace on a yearly basis in order to measure impact, identify best practice and replicate success.

Finally, we commit to scale up the UN-Business Action Hub as the online entry point for business and the United Nations to partner on emergency preparedness and response. In major disasters and crises, we will promote the needs of UN humanitarian responders on the Hub and appeal to our over thousands of signatories around the world to apply their core assets, expertise, and resources to help the UN better respond to emergencies.