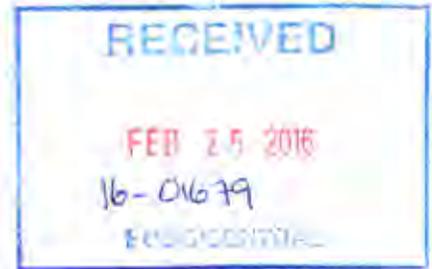


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**Note to the Secretary-General
(through the Deputy-Secretary-General)**

UN Global Compact Leaders Summit Schedule (22-23 June, 2016)

1. Thank you for confirming your participation at our 2016 UN Global Compact Leaders Summit (approved note of 23 October attached). After consulting your scheduling office, I am pleased to provide you with further information regarding your role at the Summit.
- ✓ 2. At an Opening Session at the UN General Assembly Hall (15:00 – 17:00, Wednesday 22 June), you will deliver remarks setting the tone for the Summit by highlighting the unique role businesses are playing to advance the SDGs. The Summit will serve as a unique platform to jump start business action to advance the SDGs by turning the global goals into local business. *- Reception ~~at~~ 22 JUNE*
3. At a Leaders Dinner at Cipriani (18:00 – 22:00, Thursday 23 June), you will deliver a speech stressing the role of the SDGs in driving sustainable business innovation. You will also recognize “UN Global Compact Local SDG Pioneers,” who are outstanding sustainability entrepreneurs and innovators. The Pioneers will be selected through a global campaign we have launched with our 80 country networks.
- ✓ 4. At the Global Compact Board Meeting (09:00 – 10:00, Wednesday 22 June), you will interact with Board Members in a discussion on the initiative’s future strategy and priorities.
5. Your presence will help energize and inspire Summit participants and will ensure the event’s success. We are grateful for your leadership and support.

Lise Kingo
24 February 2016

cc: Mr. Edmond Mulet, Chef de Cabinet
Mr. Wook-Jin Chang

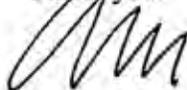
**Note to the Secretary-General
(through Deputy Secretary-General)**

Subject: 2015 United Nations Private Sector Forum

1. As Chair of the UN System Private Sector Focal Points Network, I am delighted to provide this overview of the exciting week of business-related events convened in conjunction with the UN Sustainable Development Summit.
2. The events and related activities – which involved the contributions of many UN partner organizations – brought businesses together with stakeholders around Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) themes, including meetings on poverty, inclusive business, climate, food, anti-corruption and responsible investment. The highlight was the UN Private Sector Forum on 26 September, which you chaired.
3. The success of this year's UN Private Sector Forum illustrates clearly that businesses are ready and committed to taking bold efforts in support of the new SDGs in response to your call. The Forum served as an excellent platform to showcase your continued leadership on the UN-private sector engagement.
4. With more than 300 CEOs, Heads of State, UN and civil society leaders, this year's Forum demonstrated the overwhelming enthusiasm of the private sector towards the world's 17 new SDGs.
5. At the Forum, CEOs announced more than 35 corporate commitments, illustrating their companies' sustainable development actions on investment in low-carbon infrastructure, combatting corruption, gender equality in the workplace, universal internet access, and access to and strengthening healthcare services in the Least Developed countries.
6. The urgent refugee crisis was a major topic of concern among participants. Responding to the Business Action Pledge in Response to the Refugees Crisis launched by the UN Global Compact and UNHCR to mobilize business on this issue, several new commitments and partnerships were announced, including educational opportunities, job training, and healthcare for refugees, as well as funding for refugee aid organizations in war-torn countries.
7. To inspire and support companies, a number of new resources were introduced, including the SDG Compass – a joint guide of GRI, the UN Global Compact, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. This is a guide for companies on how to take a strategic approach to the SDGs and enhance their contribution to sustainable development through core business activities. Other notable SDG-related resources such as the SDG Industry Matrix (with KPMG) and the Poverty Footprint (with Oxfam) were launched.
8. A strong presence of high-profile global leaders such as yourself, Bono, Mark Zuckerberg, and Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, combined with the public announcement of 35 ambitious corporate commitments on SDGs, resulted in unprecedented media coverage. I am delighted that the Forum was featured in most of the top-tier international and U.S. media outlets including, the New York Times, Bloomberg, USA Today, Reuters, Associated Press, International Business Times, NBC News, BBC, the Guardian, CNN, Fusion and Huffington.

9. With respect to the partnership dimension of the UN Global Compact, we see enormous opportunity to more fully develop our partnership strategy and capabilities – and to serve as the interface between business and the UN on partnerships in the new era. During SDG week, for example, we launched the new UN-Business Action Hub, an on-line platform to match-make organizations on specific SDG themes.
10. The UN Global Compact will now focus on mobilizing businesses around the SDG implementation. Together with our over 85 Local Networks, a number of major outreach efforts are underway to raise awareness on the business case for SDG alignment as well as to energize many more companies to set ambitious long-term goals for action. In the lead up to the 2016 UN Global Compact Leaders Summit (22-24 June, New York), we will identify champion CEOs around the world who will serve as SDG “business ambassadors”.
11. In relation to climate change, the UN Global Compact will during the next two months focus our efforts to support you for a successful COP21. Specifically, your *Caring for Climate* initiative has been entrusted with convening the signal event on business under the “Lima-Paris Action Agenda” at COP21. Through an inclusive consultation, *Caring for Climate* has developed a narrative on business and climate change highlighting actions by the private sector on areas such as carbon pricing, adaptation and resilience, responsible policy engagement, and emissions reductions targets aligned with science.
12. A communication to the 1000 most engaged CEOs of Global Compact signatories will be sent – in cooperation with the World Economic Forum, WBCSD, and We Mean Business – to urge companies to bring strong commitments to COP21. We expect to gather over 200 new individual and collective corporate commitments on climate change. We look forward to your continued leadership to position *Caring for Climate* as the UN engagement platform for business at COP21 and beyond.
13. In preparation for our upcoming UN Global Compact Board Meeting on 13-14 January 2016, I have begun the initiative’s strategy review process, and look forward to presenting key action areas that we will be concentrating on in the months and years ahead to reach your call – 20,000 participants by 2020.

Thank you.



Lise Kingo
7 October 2015

cc: Amina Mohammed
Janos Pasztor

This date should be reflected in my schedule. Consult w/ Chang w.-J.
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