

Business Symposium at UNEA-3

Businesses #BeatPollution

Conference Room 1, United Nations Gigiri Complex

December 3, 2017

15:00 – 18:00



PROGRAMME

The first of its kind, the Business Symposium will mark the growing recognition for business' role and responsibility in achieving the sustainable development goals, and the renewed commitment the business community has made to engage with UN Environment and its member states through the launch of the [Global Business Alliance for the Environment \(GBA4E\)](#) which will help to coordinate more business engagement.

The private sector in all its forms – farms, small and medium enterprises, family-owned companies, national firms, and multinationals - can make a major contribution to UN Environment's mission. [The Business Symposium will offer the opportunity to engage a broad cross-section of business representatives in dialogue with UN staff, governments and civil society on the key themes the United Nations Environment Assembly, with a focus on business' contribution to achieving a pollution-free planet.](#) Held in a unique rapid-fire format, it will feature examples of specific actions businesses are taking. Businesses will present in each area, followed by interactive time with member states, UN agencies and other stakeholders. The Business Symposium follows the UN Science-Policy-Business Forum on the Environment on December 2nd and 3rd 2017.

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Opening Plenary: *Business for the Environment*

Erik Solheim, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Program

Edgar Gutiérrez, President of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly~ TBC

Judi Wakhungu, Minister of the Environment & Natural Resources, Republic of Kenya~TBC

Stella Simiyu Wafukho, Co-chair GBA4E, Crop Life Africa

15:30 – 17:30

Rapid Fire Case Studies: *Actions Businesses are taking to #BeatPollution*

Rob Kaplan, Managing Director, Closed Loop Partners

Adebola Adedugbe, African Agribusiness Incubators Network

Juha Suojanen, CEO and Founder, EkoRent

Tip O'Neill, CEO And President, International Raw Materials LTD

Lucy Muchoki, CEO, PANAAC

Martin Dyer, GM & Board Member, Kisima Farms

Interventions by Member States and Others

Kinyua M'Mbijewe, Head of Corporate Affairs, Syngenta- East Africa

Joao Rando, President, inpEV

Keondra Bills Freemyn, Manager International Government Relations, Ocean Conservancy

Martin Engelmann, Director General, International Paint and Printing Ink Council

Eric Bureau, Managing Director East Africa & Head of CropScience Bayer

Interventions by Member States and Others

Margaret Munene, CEO, Palmhouse Dairies

Erick Omollo Juma, Account Manager, Novozymes

Nikhil Joshi, CEO, Sapat Group

Seppo Halonen, Sales Manager, Vaisala

Steve Flynn, Senior Associate, IPIECA

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Closing Plenary: *Partnering to achieve a pollution-free world*

Jian Liu, UN Environment Chief Science officer, United Nations Environment Program

Heide Hackmann, Executive Director, ICSU- International Council for Science~TBC

Carole Kariuki, CEO, Kenya Private Sector Alliance

Norine Kennedy, Co- Chair GBA4E, US Council for International Business

Explore the capacity of business to catalyze sustainable growth and environmental stewardship at the #UNEA3 Business Symposium.

Register at: <http://www.gba4e.org>

