

GISD Alliance Second Annual Meeting (virtual) Wednesday, 14 October 2020, UN HQ New York

Draft Agenda (as of 6 October 2020)

The dramatic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak has lifted the world off its hinges since the UN Secretary-General launched the Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance in October 2019. Significant gaps in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been exposed and exacerbated further by the pandemic. Additional challenges emanating from other global risks, including climate change and social injustice, were pushed into the spotlight.

An Extraordinary Meeting on “COVID-19: Response and Recovery” between GISD Members and the Secretary-General, held on 10 June 2020, stressed the sense of urgency and led to a re-orientation of the GISD work programme. The GISD Alliance Members agreed to renew, recharge and reinforce their efforts to scale sustainable finance for the timely achievement of the SDGs. To transform this commitment into concrete action, the Second Annual Meeting of the GISD Alliance will have the following objectives:

- i) Identify deliverables for the GISD Alliance and ensure commitment from GISD Members to their implementation;
- ii) Engage with Member States on the realization of the GISD Alliance deliverables;
- iii) Raise global awareness for the work of the GISD Alliance through media outreach.

9:00–10:30 am 2nd Annual GISD Alliance Meeting with the UN Secretary-General

Objective: The interactive session will focus on the GISD Alliance deliverables and value proposition that have been identified by the GISD Alliance Members.

Opening:

- Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

Moderator:

- Mr. Mark Carney, Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance

Outline of value proposition and work programme:

- Ms. Leila Fourie, CEO Johannesburg Stock Exchange, GISD Alliance Co-Chair
- Mr. Oliver Bäte, CEO Allianz SE, GISD Alliance Co-Chair

Interactive discussion between GISD Alliance Members and the UN Secretary-General

GISD Members will discuss how to advance the achievement of the GISD objectives. For each of the following objectives, 3-4 CEOs will present specific actions they will carry out to support the work of the GISD Alliance:

- a) Developing solutions to scale up SDG investments;
- b) Advancing a set of core industry-specific SDG-related reporting metrics;
- c) Shifting incentives along the investment chain towards a longer term, sustainable perspective; and
- d) Coordinating GISD actions with financial system and policy making bodies

“Renewed, Recharged and Reinforced – Urgent Actions to Harmonize and Scale Sustainable Finance”
GISD Members will share concrete steps they will take for the implementation of the report.

10:45–11:45 am GISD Alliance Discussion with Member States

Objective: The session will feature a moderated discussion between GISD Alliance Members and Member State representatives on the future deliverables of the GISD Alliance. A specific focus of the discussion will be possibilities for collaboration between the Alliance, Governments and the multilateral system on solutions to scale up investments for the SDGs in light of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moderator:

- Ms. Gillian Tett, Chair of Editorial Board and Editor-at-large, Financial Times

Opening remarks:

- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

Special remarks:

- Ms. Leila Fourie, CEO Johannesburg Stock Exchange, GISD Alliance Co-Chair
- Mr. Oliver Bäte, CEO Allianz SE, GISD Alliance Co-Chair

Lead remarks (to be delivered by GISD Heads representing different sectors on the GISD Alliance)

Discussion between GISD Alliance Members and Member States

12:00-12:30 pm Press Briefing

Objective: The GISD Alliance Co-Chairs will present the re-oriented work programme and targeted deliverables to international media representatives. This will include measures to scale up investments and their alignment with the SDGs, as well as the cooperation with regulatory bodies and policymakers on the integration of sustainability considerations. In addition, the session will inform about the outcome of the discussion with Member States.

Speakers:

- Ms. Leila Fourie, CEO Johannesburg Stock Exchange, GISD Alliance Co-Chair
- Mr. Oliver Bäte, CEO Allianz SE, GISD Alliance Co-Chair