

Key Messages for GISD Events

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(2 minutes)

Speaking on behalf of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance. Chartered by the UN Secretary-General in 2019, GISD brings together 30 private sector leaders from across industries and the globe to advocate for policy reforms necessary to mobilize private capital in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We commend the co-facilitators for the process that they have run to date. The Zero Draft reflects substantive improvements from the Elements Paper in terms of the specificity and focus of its recommendations and was responsive to the feedback offered by GISD and our colleagues in the FFd4 Business Steering Committee.

In Section 35, we commend all of the recommendations in that section and hope that they would be carried through to any final outcome document. I would offer the following specific feedback:

- Section 35f on blended finance, we would strongly support calls for standardization of blended finance and would recommend including additional examples of innovative instruments, such as aggregated investment platforms for blended finance. We would add, however, that the language in the final clause of that entry, regarding fair sharing of the risks and rewards, risks confusing the preceding recommendations as it strays beyond the commonly understood definition of blended finance.
- Section 35h on MDBs, we welcome reference to pools of catalytic capital with standardized access requirements and scaling of guarantees. We would recommend including a specific mention of originate-to-distribute and securitization, and implementation of the G20 Capital Adequacy Framework recommendations.
- Section 35j on foreign exchange risk would be strengthened by reference to a broader range of stakeholders than just DFIs, to include private sector actors and existing platforms for currency hedging.
- Section 35k would be strengthened by more specific references to prudential regulation, particularly Basel III capital requirements, double materiality, and

reforms to allow for the differentiated treatment of infrastructure as an asset class.

Although the limited time available for these interventions does not allow for covering these topics at length, I would note that the GISD Alliance and UN DESA will be co-hosting three side events during this conference, covering specifically the topics of blended finance, currency risk, and prudential regulation, and we hope that all interested parties will be able to join us for them.

In closing, FFD4 represents a unique opportunity to forge a new model of public-private partnership and we look forward to working with all stakeholders represented in this room as part of FFD4 and the International Business Forum.

Thank you very much.