

GISD Alliance Fourth Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 12 October 2022, UN HQ New York

Draft Agenda

9:30 – 11:00 am

4th Annual GISD Alliance Meeting with the UN Secretary-General

Conference Room 8

“The GISD Alliance – Walking the talk on scaling up private investment for the SDGs in times of global crises”

The GISD Alliance has been actively promoting private investment for the SDGs during one of the hardest moments for the global economy. The accumulation of shocks hitting the global economy has severe consequences for the most vulnerable countries and groups in society. In this rapidly evolving global environment, new approaches are needed to scale up private finance and investment for the SDGs.

The discussion will focus on:

- What the GISD Alliance has achieved so far, and the lessons learned in the process;
- The innovative strategies, tools and instruments needed to scale up investments for the SDGs in times of heightened risks;
- The strategic partnerships with policy makers, standard setters, multilateral development banks and other stakeholders that will generate a critical shift in the finance and investment ecosystem towards sustainable development.

Moderator:

Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development

Opening remarks:

António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

Discussion between the Secretary-General and the GISD Alliance CEOs

Closing remarks:

Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

GISD Alliance Discussion with Member States

ECOSOC Chamber

“Rescuing the SDGs by enhancing the partnership between the public and private sectors”

A complex set of challenges continues to impede the mobilization of private investment and its alignment with sustainable development needs. In response, the GISD Alliance has continued to develop concrete deliverables and enhanced outreach with key public and private decision-makers.

The discussion between GISD Alliance CEOs and Member States will focus on:

- Scaling up finance to achieve the SDGs through joint action by the public and private sector at all levels;
- Strengthening the alignment of private finance and investment with sustainable development and climate action ahead of the G20 Summit and COP27; and
- Developing instruments, tools and platforms to channel SDG-aligned investment to developing countries.

Moderator:

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

Welcoming remarks:

Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Presentation of key achievements by GISD Alliance Co-Chairs:

Leila Fourie, CEO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, GISD Alliance Co-Chair

José Viñals, Group Chairman, Standard Chartered, GISD Alliance Co-Chair

Interactive discussion between GISD Alliance Members and Member States

12:15 – 12:45 pm

Media Briefing

The GISD Alliance Co-Chairs will present critical achievements of the Alliance, including the implementation of the Key Deliverables and the engagement with other important global initiatives. In addition, the Co-Chairs will update on the plans and upcoming deliverables of the GISD Alliance. The briefing will also inform on the outcome of the discussion with Member States.

Speakers:

Leila Fourie, CEO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange, GISD Alliance Co-Chair

José Viñals, Group Chairman, Standard Chartered, GISD Alliance Co-Chair

Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development

1:30 – 3:00 pm

GISD Alliance luncheon (by invitation)

**Ford Foundation, 320
E 43rd St, New York**

As part of the Annual Meeting, a luncheon will be organized with invited guests from across the UN system, UN Member States, the GISD Alliance, and the wider business community. The luncheon will be co-hosted by the UN Foundation. It will offer guests the opportunity to hear from distinguished speakers on solutions to scaling up finance and investment for the SDGs and will allow the public and private sectors to engage in productive discussions on these opportunities and challenges in an informal setting.

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