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**Making Global Goals Local Business – Georgia**

**25-26 March, 2021**

**Zoom Conference**

Organized by the United Nations Global Compact and Global Compact Network Georgia, Making Global Goals Local Business – Georgia is a UN Global Compact flagship event taking place on 25-26 March 2021. With its regional focus, Making Global Goals Local Business – Georgia will bring together High-level executives from Government, local and global leaders from business, civil society, International Organizations and Global Compact Networks Georgia, Ukraine, Poland, Turkey and Belarus.

Making Global Goals Local Business – Georgia is a platform for business leaders and Governments of the participating countries to foster multi-stakeholder dialogues, yield new partnerships and explore innovative solutions to advance policies that fast track zero-carbon economic growth and accelerate progress towards the objectives of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. It is set within the context of finding local and regional solutions and partnerships to achieve Agenda 2030 in the region.

<b>Day I – March 25, 2021</b>	
<b>15:00 – 15:45 (GMT+4)</b>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker: Mr. Pär Larshans, Director of Sustainability &amp; Public Affairs at Ragn-Sells</b></p> <p>Over the years, Mr. Larshans has delivered more than 1000 speeches on sustainability related topics. He counts more than 25 years of professional experience in the field of sustainability management. Mr. Larshans supports Government Offices of Sweden as an expert on environmental goal-setting. He previously held appointments at the Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Environment of Sweden.</p> <p><b>The Ragn-Sells Group</b> is a Swedish privately held corporate group involved in waste management, environmental services and recycling, operating companies in four countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Estonia) since 1966. The company has potential to expand operations to world market with reversed chemical engineering patents for recycling of sludge.</p> <p><b>Key areas for discussion:</b> <i>Why are companies moving towards the circular economy? What are business and societal benefits of the circular economy? How to deliver products without generating waste, creating circular material flows, assets and resources to be developed to scale change across the business. Importance of partnerships and mechanisms for engaging with the industry stakeholders. How, on the one hand business and on the other hand - government can drive the transformation towards a circular economy?</i></p>



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<p><b>16:00 – 16:30</b> (GMT+4)</p>	<p><b>Opening: The Future is Green and Inclusive</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Salome Zurabishvili</b>, Executive Director of the Global Compact Network Georgia, Chair for the Regional Network Council for Eastern Europe <b>Ms. Sanda Ojiambo</b>, CEO and Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact <b>Mr. Levan Akhvlediani</b>, Chair of the Board, Global Compact Network Georgia <b>H.E. Mr. Ulrik Tideström</b>, Ambassador of Sweden to Georgia</p>
<p><b>16:30 – 17:30</b> (GMT+4)</p>	<p><b>Welcome Panel: From 2030 Vision to 2030 Reality – Achieving the Agenda 2030 in the region</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Khatia Tsilosani</i>, Member of the Parliament of Georgia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Levan Davitashvili</b>, Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia <b>Ms. Olha Stephanishyna</b>, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine <b>Ms. Ruhsar Pekcan</b>, Minister of Trade of Republic of Turkey <b>Mr. Michał Kurtyka</b>, Minister of Climate and Environment of Poland (video message)</p> <p><i>The welcome panel discussion will focus on the progress as well as the challenges in achieving Agenda 2030 in the respective countries as well as in the region. The attempts of the participating countries to promote green economy and achieve inclusive economic growth will be discussed. Issues related to partnership possibilities around the SDGs in the region as well as the impact of COVID-19 on achievement of the SDGs will also be examined.</i></p>
<p><b>17:30 – 17:45</b> (GMT+4)</p>	<p><b>Short Video on Taking Local Action to Advance Transitioning to a Green Economy, by participant networks: Georgia, Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Turkey</b></p>
<p><b>18:00 – 19:00</b> (GMT+4)</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Green Economy – a Driver of Zero Carbon Economic Growth and Job Creation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Nikoloz Khundzakishvili</i>, Corporate Affairs Director, Efes Georgia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Maia Bitadze</b>, Chairperson of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament of Georgia <b>Ms. Marika Olson</b>, Economic Growth Office Director, USAID/Georgia</p>



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	<p><b>Mr. Simone Kaslowski</b>, President of TUSIAD (Turkish Industry and Business Association) <b>Mr. Dmytro Sakharuk</b>, Executive Director of DTEK <b>Ms. Ekaterina Rudjak</b>, Vice-Director of Group of Companies “ProLiv”</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will focus on the concept of green economy as a driver of economic growth, job creation and eradicating poverty; reducing skills shortages for green jobs; promoting green and decent work and inclusive economic growth; gender implications of green economy; making ecologically sustainable economic choices; and promoting low-carbon, resource-efficient and socially-inclusive development.</i></p>
	<b>Day II – March 26, 2021</b>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b> (GMT+4)	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Green Innovations – Adoption of Innovative Green Technologies for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Bettina Heller, Programme Officer, UN Environment Programme</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Ekaterina Miroshnik</b>, Director, Head of Infrastructure, Eurasia, Sustainable Infrastructure Group, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) <b>Mr. Avtandil Kasradze</b>, Chairman at Georgia’s Innovation and Technology Agency <b>Ms. Kamuran Uçar</b>, General Manager, Unilever Iran, Caucasus and Central Asia <b>Mr. Radosław Kaskiewicz</b>, Managing Director at 3M, East Europe Region <b>Ms. Elena Bolsun</b>, Head of the Foreign Trade Financing Department at Belinvestbank, Belarus</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will focus on the clean and green technologies implemented by businesses; environmental innovation policy at the national level; impact of technology on green innovations; promotion of green innovation by governmental and financial institutions; green production and trade; “green” start-ups and the wider innovation ecosystem.</i></p>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b> (GMT+4)	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Sustainable Finance - the new frontiers of the EU Regulatory Framework</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Ms. Isabella Neuweg, Policy Analyst, Green Finance and Investment, Organisation for Economic Co-operation &amp; Development (OECD)</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Koba Gvenetadze</b>, Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of Georgia <b>Mr. Alex Matua</b>, General Director of ProCredit Bank</p>



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	<p><b>Ms. Caroline H. Bright</b>, IFC’s Regional ESG Advisory Lead for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Latin America at IFC World Bank Group <b>Mr. Roman Zinchenko</b>, Co-founder and Chairman of the Board at Greencubator <b>Mr. Juan de Porras Aguirre</b>, Vice President, Member of the Management Board of Santander Bank Polska S.A.</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will focus on what is Sustainable Finance and why it is important to take appropriate account of environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations when making investment decisions in the financial sector. EU efforts to integrate sustainability considerations into its financial policy framework will also be examined. The panel will further focus on the role of Sustainable Finance in delivering the European Green Deal, as well as, for meeting EU’s international commitments on climate and sustainability.</i></p>
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b> (GMT+4)	<b>Short Video, UN Global Compact</b>
<b>15:00 – 16:10</b> (GMT+4)	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Partnerships for the Goals: The Ambition Loop in Focus</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Beverly Hoover</b>, Private Sector Engagement Coordinator, USAID Georgia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Kakha Kuchava</b>, Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia <b>Ms. Nino Antadze</b>, Environment &amp; Energy Team Leader, UNDP Georgia <b>Mr. Archil Bakuradze</b>, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Financial Inclusion Organization “Crystal” <b>Mr. Andrii Korol</b>, Commercial Director at Caparol Ukraine <b>Ms. Honorata Fijalka</b>, The Real Economy Green Investment Opportunity (REGIO) Fund, Green Bond Technical Facility Lead for Europe and Central Asia, IFC</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will focus on the role of Green Investment Banks to promote transitioning to Green Economies; Further, the role of multi-sectoral partnerships for the Goals and “win-win” cooperation will be discussed; challenges and best practices of public and private partnerships around the Goals will be highlighted.</i></p>
<b>16:15 – 17:15</b> (GMT+4)	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Scaling Ambition for the Decade of Action in Post-COVID Era</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Alexandra Tarazi</b>, Senior Manager, Global Operations, Relationship Manager – MENA and Eastern Europe Local Networks, United Nations Global Compact</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Maksim Padbiarozkin</b>, Executive Director of Global Compact Network Belarus <b>Ms. Salome Zurabishvili</b>, Executive Director of Global Compact Network Georgia</p>



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**Mr. Kamil Wyszowski**, Chair of the Board of Global Compact Network Poland  
**Ms. Melda Çele**, Executive Director of Global Compact Network Turkey  
**Ms. Tatiana Sakharuk**, Executive Director of Global Compact Network Ukraine

*The panel will summarize and highlight the discussions taking place within the framework of MGGLB, and will also explore the role UN Global Compact, its local networks and member companies in achieving green inclusive economy and SDGs in the respective countries as well as in the region as a whole.*