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Hybrid Conference

“The role of the private industry in support of the SDGs on water, energy, biodiversity and health”

May 10, 2022

14:30 - 16:30 PM (NYT time)

Industry leadership is essential to promote access to water and energy which are indispensable factors for the socioeconomic development of each region. The implementation of public policies, aimed to protect natural resources and to support the generation of renewable energy, contributes to cope with the global challenges such as climate change, rapid population growth, urbanization, and biodiversity loss, among others.

Major impacts from climate change are reflected in water-related natural disasters, such as floods and landslides as well as in severe droughts which are being experienced even in some historically wet areas.

The generation of renewable energy is an aspect of great importance, since energy systems are indispensable during catastrophes such as the current COVID 19 pandemic. Reliable energy supply to hospitals, telecommunications and data services, is essential ensure emergency health responses and necessary communications reducing human calamities and improving the speed of recovery.

In order to mitigate and adapt to climate change, it is necessary to take quick and concrete actions. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations recognizes the cross-cutting and priority role of industry. It is necessary to promote dialogue, especially to show examples of good practices that serve as models of how concrete actions should and can be carried out to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals demonstrating the priority role of public-private collaboration.

There are many challenges that must be tackle in an integrated manner to improve the current situation, which highlights more than ever the need to establish public-private initiatives to achieve all the Sustainable Development Goals. As a result of the UN Secretary General's work and determination to generate urgent transformations to current and future initiatives, it is essential that regional and local actors take the necessary actions. These actions cannot be achieved without the alliance and support of the private sector and the society in general.

The protection of biodiversity, circular economy and the use of renewable energy, are some examples of the important interrelationship between industry and the objectives of the 2030 Agenda; not to mention the reduction of inequalities or equal opportunities, which represent a challenge for all countries and organizations. Therefore, cooperation between countries, capacity building and knowledge sharing are essential to replicate success stories in other parts of the world.

Finally, the emergency of COVID-19 has had a major impact on the world's population, making public-private participation and partnerships even more important and a key to combating the spread of the virus and for ensuring essential medical and health services for the population. In these exceptional times, access to water and energy is essential to ensure the health and well-being of all.



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In support of these new initiatives, ASAZGUA as member of the Global Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network (<https://www.un.org/en/waterenergynetwork>) is conducting this hybrid event entitled "The role of the private industry in support of the SDGs on water, energy, biodiversity and health". This event supports the United Nations Decade of Action by showing the importance of the industry in society, well-being of the population and the environment. The event provides an opportunity to show how the private industry plays a key role in promoting the sustainable use of natural resources, economic development and prosperity.

The objective of this event is to highlight the industry's importance in the implementation and fulfillment of concrete nature-based actions directly or indirectly related to biodiversity, health and people within the context of sustainable water and energy solutions. The event aims to support the achievement of the objectives and goals proposed in the different relevant international conventions and agreements, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and thereby fulfill the goals of the UN Decade of Action that requires immediate action to accelerate sustainable development around the world.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants will include representatives from public, private, and non-profit organizations, as well as international organizations, civil society and practitioners involved and interested in the research, development, management of the natural resources, biodiversity and health.

TIME

This event will be held on 10 May 2022 as a hybrid meeting from 14:30 to 16:30 PM, New York time. The venue will be the Hotel New York Hilton Midtown.



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