

REVAMPING INVESTMENT FOR REGENERATING NATURE

Luncheon Side event, WEF-Davos 2023, Switzerland

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Location	Morosani Post Hotel, Promenade 42, 7270 Davos Platz
Organisers/partners/ adm. support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU NBS Task Forces of Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Projects• Global Commons Alliance (GCA)• InTent• Water and Humanity• Global Forum, Shaping the Future• Geneva Centre of Excellence on Smart and Sustainable Cities• IKED
Targets audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities• Corporates• Government representatives• Financial institutions, investors• Nature-based enterprises• Entrepreneurs, civil society
N° of participants	60
Moderator	Dr. Barbara Dubach, CEO and founder, engageability and Board member, Innovate 4 Nature
Registration	rsvp@globalforumstf.org

Introduction

The UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) and the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) have seen far-reaching commitments and pledged investments towards Nature-based solutions. ESG, carbon credits and green bonds engage financial markets and the corporate sector.

Joint collaborative endeavours between diverse actors and competences are required for resource mobilisation on the ground.

Objectives of the luncheon

1. Featuring keynotes from various perspective
2. Highlighting the current challenges in the funding mechanisms for green investment and local initiative
3. Roundtable discussions delving into designing new investment mechanisms for regenerating nature
4. Considering linkages between work revamping mechanisms in support of green investment and the scaling and replication of real-world projects regenerating nature.

Agenda

Time	Content
12:15	Arrival
12:30	Welcome and introduction
12:35	<i>1st course (will be served)</i>
12:40	<p>Key notes framing the challenge (each 5')</p> <p>Questions to be addressed by the speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key factors at work today, diluting the link between the evolving financial instruments in support of green investment (ESG frameworks, green bonds, Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs), carbon credits....) and the actual investment and follow-through in support of sustainability? • What initiatives and motivating factors would be most effective in spurring financial institutions to implement and adopt me stringent requirements on nature-positive investments/actions as determinants of the conditions on which funding is provided, affecting the capital costs of both debt and equity? • What is the role of regulation in driving corporate management and shareholder representation to induce investments in green practices and projects? What tools are recommendable to incentivize taking stakeholder considerations on board?
13:05	<i>2nd course</i>
	<p><u>Round table discussion</u> (8 to 10 tables with 6 to 8 persons)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kinds of tools, frameworks as well as entities should be utilized and furthered to realise greater impact and ambitiousness of green projects? • Which are the key actors, spanning from local/community/city level to the global financial and corporate community, that can come together to work out improved channels for collaboration and resource provision in nature positive investments? • What are the most effective mechanisms for enabling cities, communities and citizens to assume the lead in pioneering, collaborating around, and diffusing strategies supporting Nature-based Solutions (NbS)? • What are the most effective ways of enabling Nature-based Enterprises (NBEs) to build viable business-models, innovate, realise demand and value-enhancing services from NbS?
13:25	<p>Actions on the ground (short pitches) (each 5')</p> <p>Questions to be addressed by the speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which green technologies and projects are best positioned to combine economic returns and favourable impact on natural ecosystems? • How can governance of green projects be improved to help underpin confidence in material impact in a manner that appeals to investors and therewith decrease the cost of capital for such projects?
13:50	<p>Implementing a multi-stakeholder forum – what's next and key take aways. Short inputs by Pascal Peduzzi and Erin Billman followed by a discussion with them focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we implement a multi-stakeholder approach capable of engineering on-the-ground investments in nature? • What is crucial to the success of such an approach, and what would its implications be? <p><i>Dessert will be served during the panel discussion</i></p>
14:20	Closing
14:30	End of the Lunch Event

Moderator, Speakers, Panellists

Moderator:



Barbara Dubach: Managing Director and founder of engageability, Board member of Innovate 4 Nature

Passionate about sustainability, Barbara has gained longstanding, international experience in industry, public, and non-profit sectors. As the CEO and founder of engageability, she enables stakeholder engagement and acceleration of regenerative solutions. After starting her career as environmental economist at the Federal Office of Environment in Switzerland, she worked for many years in Belgium, Spain, and Switzerland as Senior Vice President for Sustainability at Holcim, and as Communications Director at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. She serves on the board of various organisations and holds a master's Degree in Economics from the University of Zurich and a PhD from the University of St. Gallen.

Speakers & Panellists:



Olga Algayerova: Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Prior to her appointment in 2017 as Executive Secretary of UNECE, she served as Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (since 2012). She was previously President, Slovak Millennium Development Goals (2010-2012); State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2010) and Corporate Export Manager, Zentiva International, a.s. (2004-2006). She holds a master in Contemporary Diplomacy from Malta University, a master's in business administration from The Open University Business School, United Kingdom and a Dipl. in Engineer of Economy from the University of Economics Business Faculty, Bratislava.



Dario Soto-Abril: Chair of the Global Commons Alliance, and previous Executive Secretary and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Global Water Partnership From 2017 to 2021 Mr. Soto-Abril was Global CEO at Fairtrade

International. Dario spent the first part of his career as a corporate lawyer before moving to The Trust for the Americas, the non-profit affiliate of the Organization of American States (OAS) where he spent 14 years as the Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer. Soto-Abril, a Colombian, has a Law degree from Universidad Javeriana (Colombia), a master of Law from Tulane University (New Orleans), and a master's in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



Pascal Peduzzi: Director of GRID-Geneva at UNEP, Geneva

Leading a team of senior scientists, coordinating the implementation of the World Environment Situation Room, a data platform for monitoring the state of the earth environment. Pascal was one of the lead authors for the IPCC Special Report on Extreme Events, and leading research on Global Risk Analysis for UN Environment, UNISDR and UNDP. He is the initiator of the Environment Alert Bulletin, and co-coordinator of the UN Environment Foresight report on Emerging Issues. He holds a PhD and an MSc in Environmental Sciences, with specialization in remote sensing and GIS, and serves as part-time professor at the University of Geneva.



Sasja Beslik: Chief Investment Officer, NextGen ESG Japan & SDG Impact Japan, Tokyo, Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum 2011

Swedish and international financial expert promoting financial sustainability across the world. Presently Chief Investment Officer at NextGen ESG, the leading ESG fund in Japan. His previous experience includes Head of Sustainability at the biggest Danish commercial Pension Company PFA, CEO of Nordea Investment Funds Sweden and head of responsible investments and identity at Nordea Asset Management. Beslik was chosen as a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos in 2011. He won the Swedish Banking Profile of the Year award in 2016. Stars Fund, the Nordea sustainable fund launched by Beslik, was chosen as Sweden's best overall equity fund in 2017. It was the first sustainable fund to receive the award. In 2020, he was ranked the world's most influential person within green finance.



Thomas Andersson: President, IKED, Task leader URBiNAT, co-author of the EU expert report on the Vital Role of NBS in a Nature-Positive Economy, Founder, Water and Humanity, Oman. Prof., Dr. from Stockholm School of Economics, previously president of Jönköping University, Sweden. President, IKED, long experience of sustainable development and international policy making, co-author of the EU expert report on the Vital Role of NBS in a Nature-Positive Economy. Following a role as senior advisor of the Government of Oman, he is the founder of *Water and Humanity*, a multistakeholder platform for cross-border collaboration on NBS, linking Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the West. Previously, deputy director of Science, Technology and Industry at the OECD, Paris. He has been a visiting fellow at Harvard University, the Bank of Japan, Hitotsubashi University, and University of Sao Paulo. Member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA).



Erin Billman: Executive Director, Science Based Targets Network
Leads the Science Based Targets Network of the Global Commons Alliance, a responsibility she has held since its launch. She serves on the board of Earthwatch Institute, a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Futures Council for Nature-Based Solutions. She is the chair of the World Benchmarking Alliance’s Expert Review Committee for its corporate nature benchmark. She has over 20 years of experience in the private and non-profit sectors. She has focused her career on working with organizations – both for- and non-profit – to best steward the natural world as a strategy toward long-term success. She holds an MBA in sustainable business and the environment from Wharton."

Entrepreneurs/witnessing from the ground/project pitches:



Marc Watum: CEO Vertex, a platform for entrepreneurial ventures and Founder of Vision 2030, a sustainability and entrepreneurship agenda for Africa
He has taken the initiative to launch Africa 2030, a platform linking start-ups in a pan-African sustainability agenda. An entrepreneurial empowerment specialist with backgrounds in development consulting and project finance, he advised over 50 start-ups across EMEA region. Private consultancies include commodities (trading, mining, supply chains and logistics across the UK and Central/East Africa), and urban infrastructure & technology. He has been an organiser of MENA Innovation 2018 (under patronage of the Egyptian Ministry of Information & Technology); Vertex Summit 2018 in London, and the Global Impact Summit 2019 in Nairobi (supported by Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry). He holds an MSc Globalisation and Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, London.



Hans-Ludwig Dankwardt: Founder and Managing Partner of Macun International LLC, a Swiss based company contributing to the sustainable socio-economic and ecological development of the societies in Europe, Middle East and Africa. With over 25 years work experiences in the Middle East and Africa for global companies like Ernst & Young, Hewlett Packard and Hitachi. During these years he became trusted advisor of several Governments. While working for the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Wealth of the Sultanate of Oman, he developed commercial concepts for Seawater Agriculture and applications for Nature based Solutions to fight climate change. He holds a PhD in contemporary history from University of Armed Forces in Munich/Germany, MSc International Relations from University of St. Gallen/Switzerland and he completed training as a banker with Deutsche Bank AG in Hamburg/Germany.



Ingrid Andersson: Vice President Global Forum and Founder of Sweden-Japan Eco Village in Nagoya, Japan. Senior business executive, analyst, and serial entrepreneur. Vice President of the Global Forum, a think tank and annual event addressing the issues and challenges of the digital society. She serves as a board member of Qatar Investment Fund and is a member of the OECD MENA Women Business Forum. For more than 20 years, Ingrid engaged in the development of “zero-emission” eco-houses and vibrant local community development. With Japanese partners, she established the "Swedish Ecovillage", Nagoya, Japan. She holds an Executive MBA from HEC Paris with a major in Differentiation and Innovation through Services, has published widely and been a key-note speaker at multiple conferences and international events.