THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TASK FORCE ON DIGITAL FINANCING OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDSN Germany

Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance

Invitation

Connecting the Dots: Digitalization, Finance & Sustainable Development

Monday, 27 January 2020

2:30pm – 5:45pm followed by a reception

Allianz Forum Berlin (Pariser Platz, 10719 Berlin)

In order to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it is critical to mobilize private finance at greater speed and scale. Financial innovations, new technologies and digitalization have the potential to contribute significantly to this task. Against this backdrop, the United Nation's Secretary-General has appointed the Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs to investigate how this potential can be unlocked while managing at the same time the associated risks.

This high-level conference will introduce the Task Force's results and the outcomes of the "German Sustainable Fintech Stocktake" undertaken by the Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance to relevant actors from business, politics, civil society and academia in Germany and Europe. The aim is to create a space for discussion on new trends in the finance sector and how to leverage innovation for financing sustainable development with key actors from the digital, sustainability and finance sectors and aims to trigger off further initiatives by these and other actors.

The event will consist of sessions with impulses and panel discussions but will also allow for comments and questions from the audience. The conference will be followed by a reception.

About the organisers:

The German Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN Germany) was founded in April 2014 by leading German knowledge centres. The network pools knowledge, experience and capacities of German academic, corporate and civil society organisations in order to contribute to the sustainable development of Germany as well as to German efforts for sustainable development across the globe.

The overall objective of the Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance is to leverage digital technologies & innovations to enhance financing for sustainable development.

UN Secretary General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs is mandated to put forward a concrete, actionable set of recommendations to identify ways through which the digital revolution should be harnessed to help advance the SDGs.

Registration:

Please register by email at registration@sdsngermany.de by 17 January 2020. For further information on the conference, please contact Janina Sturm (sturm@sdsngermany.de).

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Agenda

Moderation: *Conny Czymoch*

14:30 Welcome Remarks

Michelle Schmitz, Head of Berlin Office, Allianz SE
Gesine Schwan, Co-Chair, SDSN Germany
Achim Steiner, Co-Chair, UN Secretary-General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs (via video message)

15:00 Setting the scene: Financing sustainable development

Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
Werner Hoyer, President, European Investment Bank (EIB)

15:20 Building bridges: Where fintech and SDGs connect

Simon Zadek, Sherpa to the Co-Chairs, UN Secretary-General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs

15:30 New trends in the finance sector

Natalie Jabangwe, CEO, EcoCash
Karsten Löffler, Co-Head Frankfurt School of Finance & Management - UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy
Sabrina Schulz, Head of Berlin Office – Management Affairs, KfW Group
Christian Vollmuth, Chief Risk Officer, Solactive AG

Open discussion

16:10 Coffee break

16:40 How to leverage innovation for financing sustainable development

Presentation of German Stocktake
Marianne Haahr, Director, Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance and Conscious FinTech Germany
Markus Duscha, Fair Finance Institute, *Ludwig Schuster,* Strategy Consultant

Pooma Kimis, Director, Autonomous Research
Martin Spolc, Head of Sustainable Finance and Fintech Unit, European Commission
Cecilia Repinski, Executive Director, Stockholm Green Digital Finance Center

Open discussion

17:30 Way forward

Marianne Haahr, Director, Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance
Adolf Kloke-Lesch, Executive Director, SDSN Germany
Simon Zadek, Sherpa to the Co-Chairs, UN Secretary-General's Task Force on Digital Financing of the SDGs

17:45 Reception

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