Shared Responsibility, Global Solidarity


Wednesday, 29 April 2020
9-10:30 a.m. EDT

Provisional Agenda

- Opening remarks
  - HE Ambassador Munir Akram, Vice-President of the UN Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN
  - Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Economist, United Nations
  - Roberto Suarez Santos, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Moderator: Norine Kennedy, Vice President, United States Council for International Business

- **1) Partnerships to Accelerate Global Research and Innovation**
  Presenting a proposal for a partnership to create a COVID-19 Incubation Lab that will scale up cooperation with WHO-sponsored solidarity trials, share data and information in the public interest, and deploy new AI tools to accelerate solutions to the COVID-19 crisis.
  - Dr. Scott Ratzan, Executive Director, Business Partners for Sustainable Development (BPSD)
  - Charles Randolph, Head of Global Health, Global Challenges Division, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

- **2) Partnerships to Support and Build Capacity for MSMEs**
  How employers and local governments are cooperating to keep MSMEs, workers, and households afloat, strengthening capability to weather the pandemic and rebuild better
  - Mthunzi Mdwaba, IOE Vice-President to ILO, Productivity South Africa Chairman
  - Nguyen Chanh Phuong, Handicraft and Wood Industry Association of HCMC

- **3) Partnerships to curb the pandemic**
  Practical joint efforts that deliver on the ground solutions to suppress COVID19 transmission and save lives
  - Zahid Torres-Rahman, Executive Director, Business Fights Poverty (tbc)
  - Myriam Sidibe, Harvard Fellow
  - Justin Perrettson, Novozymes

- **Q&A**

- **Concluding remarks**
  - Renate Hornung-Draus, IOE Regional Vice-President for Europe and Central Asia, and Managing Director, European and International Affairs, Confederation of German Employers’ Associations (BDA)