

EVENT NOTICE:

Behind Goal 13: Women Leading the Climate Agenda

Panel discussion hosted by the Business & Sustainable Development Commission (BSDC) at COP23 in Bonn, Germany

Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Venue: Talanoa Space, Bonn Zone

Of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 13 explicitly calls on the world to achieve successful climate action by 2030, however successfully achieving all the Goals will depend on humanity's ability to effectively keep a global temperature increase to 2-degree Celsius increase and uphold the sustainability of our natural resources. The Business & Sustainable Development Commission contends that the achievement of Goal 13 will require the mobilisation of more women to lead for change in their communities and in the world.

Through a panel discussion featuring local, national and global women leaders on climate change, the Business & Sustainable Development Commission aims to shine a spotlight on the ways women are leading to achieve global and national climate objectives related to SDG 13, as well as all climate-related Goals. The event is also an opportunity to foster a discussion about what is needed to mobilise others to deliver this ambitious agenda and take on leadership roles.

The BSDC has been exploring gender balance in leadership as a potential accelerator for companies that align their strategies with the Global Goals. In September 2017, the BSDC released a <u>discussion paper</u>, "Behind Every Global Goal: Women Leading the World to 2030," to explore the following key questions about women's leadership for achieving the SDGs, including effectively tackling climate change and protecting lives and livelihoods.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Achala C Abeyingha, Principal Researcher/ Team Leader, International Institute for Environment and Development; Legal & Strategy Advisor to the Chair of the LDC Group in UNFCCC negotiations
- Monica Araya, Founder of Nivela and Costa Rica Limpia
- Sharan Burrow, International Trade Union Confederation
- Gail Klintworth, Business Transformation Director, Business & Sustainable Development
- Rachel Kyte, CEO, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll) TBC
- Noelene Nabulivou, Political Adviser to Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA)
- Other speakers to be confirmed

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