

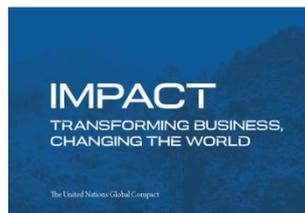
**Dear Intra Luce, Arta Sneidere-Kalvite**

**On behalf of the United Nations Global Compact, I would like to thank you for joining us at Global Compact+15: Business as a Force for Good from 23-25 June at United Nations Headquarters in New York.**

You are among over [1,000 participants](#) – including business executives and leaders from the investment community, civil society, Government and the United Nations – who contributed to making Global Compact+15 a success. I hope you are proud of what we were able to accomplish together over the three days.



With over a [dozen focused meetings](#) and an [historic plenary session in the UN General Assembly Hall](#), we demonstrated that, through the UN Global Compact, business is already working to advance principles and UN goals in the environmental, social and governance arenas. We discussed how in order to maximize the business contribution to society, we will need to ramp up partnerships, local action, and engagement with key sustainability drivers such as investors, educators and regulators. It is clear that the private sector stands ready to support and implement the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) when they are adopted by Member States in September.



The ground-breaking report *Impact: Transforming Business, Changing the World* was launched during the General Assembly session. Produced by classification/certification body and technical assurance provider DNV GL, the report provides one of the most comprehensive analyses of the corporate sustainability movement to date. It concludes that the UN Global Compact has had a profound impact in driving corporate sustainability globally. I encourage you to read the report and share it with your colleagues.

Our sold-out 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Cipriani was truly remarkable with over 700 attendees. We heard from a number of [special guests](#), including the UN Secretary-General and the President of Mauritius H.E. Dr. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, as we looked back on what our initiative has achieved over the past 15 years. We also welcomed our new Executive Director Ms. Lise Kingo who was [appointed by the Secretary-General](#) to lead our initiative as of 1 September. I am pleased to have her as my successor.

In my time as Executive Director, I have met so many wonderful people and entrepreneurs around the world. As a result of my many travels and deeply personal interactions, I enjoy the special gift of feeling at home everywhere and anywhere. I want

to thank all of you for your generosity, courage and dedication. Our initiative stands strong thanks to you.

Going forward, I count on you to continue your efforts to incorporate the UN Global Compact principles into your organization and to take action to support the SDGs. I encourage you to visit the new [www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org) unveiled ahead of Global Compact+15 where you can find out how your company can engage on specific issues and implement cutting-edge leadership practices.

As we head into our next 15 years, the UN Global Compact is up to the task. We are committed to working with business to produce the changes necessary to bring about a better future for us all – ultimately aiming for an inclusive and sustainable global economy that delivers lasting benefits to people, communities and markets everywhere. I am grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georg Kell', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Georg Kell

Executive Director

UN Global Compact