



Dear RBF Participant,

We look forward to welcoming you at the 6th Responsible Business Forum next week. With regard to your participation in the discussion panel on **SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**, we would like to share some information on the Goal and logistics:

SCHEDULING

Date : Wednesday, 22 November 2017

Time : 14:40 – 16:10

Venue : Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018956

Room : Hibiscus Jr. 3611 &. 3612

FORMAT (90 Minutes)

1. **Introduction and Panel Discussion:** The facilitator and discussion panel will briefly introduce themselves, their organisations and provide a short overview of SDG 8 to frame the discussion. Speakers will then share their perspectives and examples of action on this goal. The facilitator will then moderate a discussion with questions for the panellists. (55 minutes)
2. **Audience Roundtable Discussion:** Delegates to share, discuss and agree on priority recommendations for scaling up the kind of initiatives presented during the panel, to measuring their impacts and making these part of an integrated approach to the SDGs. (20 minutes)
3. **Feedback from Roundtables:** Each table will assign a discussion leader to stand and share their recommendations with the room. (10 minutes)

Panel speaker are encouraged to join in the audience discussion. Facilitators will remain as the point of contact for the recommendations.

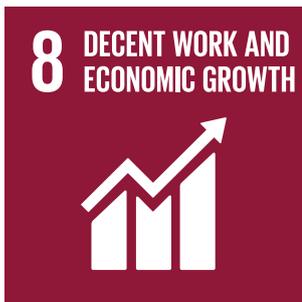
4. **Wrap Up:** The facilitator will wrap up with a quick summary of the main discussion points and recommendations. (5 minutes)

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Scaling Up:** What can be done to accelerate and scale up these initiatives?
- **Measurement:** What can be done to measure the impact of these SDG actions?
- **Interconnectivity:** How can an integrated approach accelerate progress on this goal?

RESOURCES

Our knowledge partner, **PwC**, has provided key facts and information about the Goal attached to this briefing note for reference.



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WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE?

Business has a big impact on people: 65% of the world's population are of working age; over 200 million are unemployed; 168 million children are working; 2.3 million deaths are attributed to work-related injury or illness costing on average 4% of global GDP. Creating jobs is one of the fundamental ways in which business supports economic growth.

WHY DOES IT MATTER FOR BUSINESS?

A company's licence to operate or ability to win large public sector contracts is increasingly influenced by its ability to demonstrate the economic value it generates for the local and/or national economy to governments. Protecting human rights in your direct operations and supply chains are essential for maintaining a good reputation. Workplace injuries and work-related disease can cost your business in terms of lost productivity, talent and reputation. Businesses can benefit from employing people with disabilities through access to untapped skills and talent as well as higher rates of retention.

WHERE IS THIS A TOP CHALLENGE?

Argentina (target 8.4), Brazil (target 8.3), China (target 8.8), India (target 8.8), Netherlands (target 8.4), Russia (target 8.4), Saudi Arabia (target 8.4), South Africa (target 8.5 and 8.6), Spain (target 8.6), Turkey (target 8.8), UK (target 8.4), US (target 8.4 and 8.8).

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POSSIBLE RELEVANT BUSINESS ACTIONS TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL

- Co-develop technology with start-ups, invest in innovation and technology, promote technological learning to respond to local needs and help technology upgrades.
- Protect basic labour rights, ensure responsible employment strategies, provide decent and productive activities for all employees in own operation and in the supply chain.
- Provide a safe, secure and healthy working environment for all employees and introduce operational health and safety management systems based on internationally agreed principles.
- Establish fair policies for selection of suppliers, and improve economic inclusion and job creation throughout the supply chain.
- Support vocational education, job-oriented training programs, and build alliances with educational institutions to create a pipeline for skilled workers and foster local employment.