



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 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**, 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. 3713 &. 3613

### 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 9 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.

## **9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



### **SDG 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

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### **WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE?**

Investments in public services such as energy, transport, ICT infrastructure, waste and water are among the largest and longest-term capital investments that society makes. Adequate and resilient infrastructure underpins future economic growth, has long-lasting effects on the environment, and it helps people access the resources they need for a higher quality of life.

It's an ongoing process – aged infrastructure needs to be maintained, updated or replaced. It is estimated that the global shortfall on necessary basic infrastructure investments needs is \$1 trillion. Globally, about 2.6 billion people cannot access a reliable electricity source, with another 2.6 billion without access to basic sanitation. 1.5 billion people have no access to reliable phone services, and over 4 billion don't have access to the internet.

### **WHY DOES IT MATTER FOR BUSINESS?**

Effective and accessible public transport and roadways are important operational factors driving efficiency in supply chains and distribution networks. Disruptive technologies pose both risks and opportunities for businesses and growing technological innovation in developing countries can help boost the economy and build the capacity of a higher skilled, more educated workforce.

### **WHERE IS THIS A TOP CHALLENGE?**

Argentina (target 9.3), Indonesia (target 9.5), Saudi Arabia (target 9.3), Tanzania (target 9.1).

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## POSSIBLE RELEVANT BUSINESS ACTIONS TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL

- Invest in technology, innovation and R&D in own operation and improve R&D capacity in the supply chain; recruit R&D workers and provide sustainability training to employees.
- Take a life-cycle approach when investing, developing, managing and retrofitting infrastructure, including performing social, economic and environmental impact assessment.
- Ensure resource efficiency, resilience and sustainability in transport, building, information and communication technology through implementing circular business models.
- Upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries through innovation, investment in infrastructure development and environmental protection, and efficiency and clean technology.
- Increase local value added through local purchasing, forge supplier linkages with domestic companies and invest in business skills and support access to resources for MSMEs.