

Responsible Business Summit

The **AGENDA**

Explore our event agenda to find out what you can expect.

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DAY 1 - MARCH 24TH 2025

TRANSFORMING OF CORPORATE CULTURE

Responsibility for sustainability must be embedded at every level in the culture of a business. Through discussions and activities, the RBS will explore the importance of the workplace in driving positive change.

09:00 - 10:00

A New Economic Paradigm For A Sustainable World

An inspirational session reimagining our core drivers, values and purpose to shape a thriving, sustainable economy. Introducing the 'l'économie symbiotique', where human intelligence, ecosystem vitality, and technology work in harmony, regenerating resources instead of depleting them for lasting prosperity.



Speakers

Isabelle Delannoy
Patrick Samana



Room

Theatre



Focus Area

Symbiotic Economy &
Purpose-Driven Leadership



Language



10:05 - 11:05

Purpose meets profit: Creating value through alignment

A compelling discourse on a South African company's leadership journey to address the current planetary polycrises through the power of passion, sustainability and purpose-led strategies. Gain insights into essential steps, cultural shifts, and a case study illustrating how purpose can drive resilience, profitability, and sustainable growth.



Speakers

Jasper Eales



Room

Theatre



Focus Area

Purpose-Driven
Leadership & Prosperity



Language



11:30 - 12:45

**Parallel sessions are held at the same time*

Boardroom of tomorrow: Driving Inclusion, Sustainability, and Long-Term value

Delve into the future of leadership as tomorrow's boardrooms champion corporate culture, sustainability, and lasting value. This session will explore how visionary boards drive responsible growth, embrace evolving challenges, and craft purpose-driven organizations for meaningful impact.



Moderator

Jess Schulschenk



Speakers

Elisabeth Moreno
Esther An



Room

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Focus Area

Visionary Leadership &
Board Decision-Making



Language



Building an inclusive and just environment

Join us for a dynamic café discussion on building an inclusive and just environment in Mauritian companies. Explore how businesses can align with global best practices in human rights, diversity, and inclusion—both within the workplace and across their entire value chain. This conversation will delve into how fostering a socially and environmentally conscious corporate culture is essential to creating a more inclusive and equitable future for all.



Moderator

Micael Noguero



Speakers

Adeife Onwuzulike
Zinzi Mgolodela
Vincent Desvaux de
Marigny



Room

La Scala



Focus Area

Inclusive Corporate
Culture & Business
Strategy



Language



PIONEERING SUSTAINABLE THINKING

Learn how sustainability challenges are tied to risk and financial strategy. Explore how to align responsibility with operations, fostering ethics and sustainability for long-term success.

14:00 - 14:45

Toward Regenerative Business Models

A disruptive session with Fabrice Bonnifet on shifting to regenerative business models that respect planetary boundaries. Through practical insights and a case study on construction, explore how to align business strategies with ecological imperatives for resilience and long-term sustainability.



Speakers

Fabrice Bonnifet



Room

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Focus Area

Strategic Vision & Regenerative Business Models



Language



15:05 - 16:25

**Parallel sessions are held at the same time*

Investment as a Catalyst: Designing Portfolios For Sustainable Impact

This session delves into how companies can channel investments to support a sustainable global economy. It addresses designing portfolios that mitigate risk, align with impact-driven goals, and leverage money as a tool for positive change. We'll also explore challenges with traditional financial indicators and strategies to make investment a true driver of sustainable transformation.



Moderator

Pierre-Alexandre Moussa



Speakers

Elisabeth Moreno
Bertrand Badré
Jerome Lagesse



Room

Theatre



Focus Area

Impact-Driven Investments & Finance



Language



Impact of an Industry : From Blame to Ownership in the Value Chain

This session underscores the need for companies to define their materiality within their value chains. We'll examine corporate responsibility, ownership, and showcase the Sealand case study. Expect insights and actionable recommendations on implementing processes and policies to transform value chain accountability into a sustainable business model.



Speakers

Jasper Eales
Tim Coles



Room

La Scala



Focus Area

Value Chain Accountability & Procurement Responsibility



Language



Envisioning the Workforce of Tomorrow (Workshop)

This session explores how roles and skillsets must evolve to support sustainable industries. Focusing on key departments and specific jobs, we'll discuss the shifts needed to challenge existing processes, disrupt business models, and drive transformation. Discover tools and best practices that empower companies and individuals to lead the transition to sustainability.



Moderator

Workshop trainer: Les Nouveaux Géants



Speakers

Myriam Blin



Room

Globe and Olympia



Focus Area

Sustainable & Transformative Workforce



Language



16:30-18:30

Networking and cocktail

DRIVING IMPACT

Explore diverse methods of sustainability data management and the importance of a value-chain approach. Gain insights to choose and implement the most effective strategies for transparent and informed decision-making.

08:45 - 09:45

Can impact change the world?

Join Bertrand Badré in exploring how impact-driven actions are reshaping our world and our economy. A decade after the 2015 SDGs, Addis Ababa and COP21, he will reflect on the challenges we face and present tangible pathways for progress in today's complex landscape.

 **Speakers**
Bertrand Badré

 **Room**
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 **Focus Area**
Economic Transformation & Impact

 **Language**
  

09:50 - 10:50

Empowering Reporting beyond Compliance

A disruptive session exploring the dichotomy between viewing reporting as a goal versus a tool and highlighting the contrast between compliance and ethical perspectives to inspire transformative practices. Engage in a dynamic dialogue between financial, legal, and philosophical experts.

 **Speakers**
Anouchka Sooriamoorthy
Speaker 2: TBC
Speaker 3: TBC

 **Room**
Theatre

 **Focus Area**
Ethical & Transformative Reporting

 **Language**
  

11:20 - 12:30

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Net Zero for Africa: From the why to the how?

This session will examine the challenges of achieving net zero emissions in Africa and SIDS, focusing on Mauritius's role. We will discuss pathways for a transparent mitigation roadmap, exploring opportunities, blockers, and strategies for mitigation, adaptation and carbon compensation.

 **Moderator**
Jean Baptiste Routier

 **Speakers**
Karen Basiye
Nassima Sadar-Gravier
Rachel Toulet


 **Room**
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 **Focus Area**
Net Zero Leadership & Strategy

 **Language**
  

Businesses value beyond financial indicators (workshop)

Discover practical ways to move beyond traditional financial aspects by incorporating natural resources, social impact, and brand reputation into business valuations. Participants will engage in discussions on recognizing these elements as valuable assets that drive investment and foster a long-term vision.

 **Moderator**
Facilitator:
Jess Schulschenk

 **Speakers**
Pavitray Pillay
Zinzi Mgolodela

 **Room**
Globe and Olympia

 **Focus Area**
Long-term Strategy & Sustainable Valuation

 **Language**


DAY 2 - MARCH 25TH 2025

13:20 - 14:15

Pioneering local innovation & impactful business models

In this engaging joint presentation, we will conclude the first RBS by exploring Mauritius as a promising hub for local experimentation and innovation in sustainable initiatives. Attendees will discover inspiring success stories and highlight how companies can support innovation, showcasing the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing among all stakeholders.



Speakers

Yann LeMoel
Nassima Sadar-Gravier



Room

Theatre



Focus Area

Sustainable Innovation



Language



14:20 -15.10

Geopolitics of transition in the age of Trumpism: Is there and alternative path for African economies?

During this keynote, François Gemenne will examine the geopolitical impact of Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, assessing how major powers and developing nations are responding. Additionally, he will identify opportunities for Mauritian and African businesses to take proactive steps amid these global challenges.



Speakers

Francois Gemenne



Room

Theatre



Focus Area

Sustainable Innovation



Language



ACTIVATING PROJECTS

Focus on priority issues in the Mauritian private sector. Through insightful discussions, detailed analyses and practical guidance, participants will get the tools to elaborate actionable strategies and tackle meaningful matters.

15:30 - 16:40

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Climate Risk Assessment: Essential tool for Sustainable Adaptation

This roundtable will present methodologies for conducting robust climate risk assessment, including the social impacts of climate change. Attendees will learn how this exercise serve as crucial building blocks in a company's Transition Plan, with insights from experts and the successful case study of Nedbank.

Closing the Loop: Embracing Circular Business Models

This roundtable will focus on the circular economy approach and the need to reinvent our business models while reducing waste at the source. Attendees will examine examples of circular business models in Africa, highlighting the importance of innovation and regional collaboration to achieve greater resilience.

Corporate Water Stewardship: Advancing Equitable Access to Resources

This roundtable will provide key tools for enabling water stewardship within corporate responsibility. Attendees will emphasize the proactive role of companies in promoting equitable access to this natural resource, particularly in Mauritius, a water-scarce country surrounded by a threatened lagoon.



Moderator

Thierry Le Breton



Speakers

Pierre - Alexandre Moussa
Liza Botha
Rosalind Gather



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Focus Area

Risk Strategy & Climate Resilience



Language



Moderator

TBC



Speakers

Harald Friedl
Ifedolapo Runsewe
Anyia Dundoo



Room

La Scala



Focus Area

Strategic Transformation & Circularity



Language



Moderator

Amandine De Rosnay



Speakers

Pavitray Pillay
Jacqueline Sauzier
Vassen Kauppaymuthoo
Christopher Meunier



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Globe and Olympia



Focus Area

Water leadership & Resources Management



Language



16:40 - 16:45

CLOSURE