

# Responsible Business Summit

## The **AGENDA**

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

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# DAY 1 - MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 2025

08:00 - 08:30

**WELCOMING BREAKFAST**

 **Room**

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)

08:30 - 08:50

**QR REGISTRATION**

 **Room**

Entrance of Theatre

09:00 - 09:30

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH**

 **Room**

Theatre  
(Attendees are seated)

INTRODUCTION: WELCOMING & KICK-OFF BY ARNAUD LAGESSE  
MINISTRY OPENING: DR THE HONOURABLE MRS JYOTI JEETUN  
MINISTRY OPENING: THE HONOURABLE MR RAJESH ANAND BHAGWAN

## TRANSFORMING 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.

09:30 - 09:45

**Boardroom focus in uncertain times**

In an era of growing skepticism and resistance to the global sustainability agenda, strong leadership is more critical than ever. This session will explore how boardrooms can maintain clarity and conviction in the face of uncertainty. Thought leaders will discuss strategies to counter misinformation, align sustainability with core business objectives, and ensure that long-term commitments are upheld—even in challenging times.

 **Speakers**

Bertrand Badré

 **Room**

Theatre

 **Focus Area**

Purpose-Driven  
Leadership

 **Language**



09:50 - 11:00

**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  
Jasper Eales  
Isabelle Delannoy

 **Room**

Theatre

 **Language**



 **Focus Area**

Visionary Leadership &  
Board Decision-Making



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11:05 - 11:55

## 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



11:55 - 12:15

## Mid-morning tea/Coffee break



### Room

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)

12:25 - 13:30

## 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

Theatre



### Language



### Focus Area

Inclusive Corporate  
Culture & Business  
Strategy

13:30 - 14:20

## Lunch break



### Room

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)

# 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.

14:30 - 15:15

## 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

Theatre



### Focus Area

Strategic Vision &  
Regenerative Business  
Models



### Language



15:15 - 15:30

## Mid-afternoon tea/Coffee break



### Room

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)



# DAY 1 - MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 2025

15:35 - 16:55

*\*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.

## 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.

## 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.

17:00 - 18:30

## Networking and cocktail

### Moderator

Pierre-Alexandre  
Moussa

### Room

Theatre

### Language



### Speakers

Elisabeth Moreno  
Bertrand Badré  
Jerome Lagesse

### Focus Area

Impact-Driven  
Investments & Finance

### Speakers

Jasper Eales  
Tim Coles

### Focus Area

Value Chain  
Accountability &  
Procurement  
Responsibility

### Room

La Scala

### Language



### Moderator

Workshop trainer:  
Emeline Fasolato

### Room

Globe and Olympia

### Language



### Speakers

Myriam Blin

### Focus Area

Sustainable &  
Transformative  
Workforce

### Room

Lobby Area  
(Downstairs)



# DAY 2 - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2025

07:45 - 08:15

WELCOMING BREAKFAST

 Room

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)

08:05 - 08:30

QR REGISTRATION

 Room

Entrance of Theatre

08:40 - 08:45

OPENING & KICK OFF BY MC

 Room

Theatre

## 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  
Theatre


 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  
Sooriammoorthy  
Karen Basiye  
Krishen Veerasamy

 Room  
Theatre

 Focus Area  
Ethical & Transformative  
Reporting

 Language  
  

10:50 - 11:15

Mid-morning tea/Coffee break

 Room

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)



# DAY 2 - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2025

11:20 - 12:30

*\*Parallel sessions are held at the same time*

## 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.

## 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

Jean Baptiste Routier

### Speakers

Karen Basiye  
Nassima Sadar-Gravier  
Rachel Toulet

### Room

Theatre

### Focus Area

Net Zero Leadership & Strategy

### Language



### Moderator

Facilitator:  
Jess Schulschenk

### Speakers

Pavitray Pillay  
Zinzi Mgolodela

### Room

Globe and Olympia

### Focus Area

Long-term Strategy & Sustainable Valuation

### Language



12:30 - 13:20

Lunch break

### Room

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)

13:20 - 14:15

## Pioneering local innovation and 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 an 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

François Gemenne

### Room

Theatre

### Focus Area

Geopolitics & Sustainable Leadership

### Language





# DAY 2 - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2025

15.10 - 15.25

Mid-afternoon tea/Coffee break

 **Room**

Lobby Area  
(Upstairs & Downstairs)

## 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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### OPENING OF PANEL: GOVERNOR - BANK OF MAURITIUS

#### Climate risk assessment: An 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.

 **Moderator**

Thierry Le Breton

 **Room**

Theatre

 **Language**



 **Speakers**

Pierre - Alexandre Moussa  
Liza Botha  
Rosalind Gather

 **Focus Area**

Risk Strategy & Climate Resilience

#### 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.

 **Moderator**

Caroline Rault

 **Room**

La Scala

 **Language**



 **Speakers**

Harald Friedl  
Ifedolapo Runsewe  
Anya Dundoo  
Laetitia Habchi

 **Focus Area**

Strategic Transformation & Circularity

#### 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**

Amandine De Rosnay

 **Room**

Globe and Olympia

 **Language**



 **Speakers**

Pavitray Pillay  
Jacqueline Sauzier  
Vassen Kauppaymuthoo  
Christopher Meunier

 **Focus Area**

Water Leadership & Resources Management

16:40 - 16:50

All audience directed to theatre

16:50 - 17:00

Closure for co-organisers - Philippe Espitalier-Noël