

Draft PRELIMINARY AGENDA



BizMEF Business Dialogue at COP28 **Thursday, December 7, 2023,** **9:30 am – 12:30 pm (local Dubai time)**

Venue: Delta Hotels by Marriott Dubai Investment Park

9:30 – 10:00 am *Registration/Breakfast*

10:00 – 10:20 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Whitney Y. Baird**, President and CEO, United States Council for International Business (USCIB)
- **David Livingston**, Energy Advisor to the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Change, United States (invited)
- **Daniele Violetti**, Senior Director, Means of Implementation division, UNFCCC (invited)

Session 1: The Role of Business in the Global Stocktake: Key for a Sound Economy-wide Basis for Ambitious Next Steps

Moderator: Andrew Purvis, WorldSteel or **Tennant Reed**, AI Group

10:20 **Speakers**

- **Mathilde Mesnard**, Deputy Director, OECD Environment Directorate (confirmed)
- **Helen Mountford**, ClimateWorks (confirmed)
- **Hiro Tezuka**, Senior Fellow JPE Steel (Keidanren)

10:40 **Comments/Discussion**

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First Discussants to include –

- **Ms. Kushla Munro**, Division Head, International Climate and Energy, Department of Climate Change, Energy and the Environment, Australia (invited)
 - Robert Marinkovic (IOE)
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Session 2: New Frontiers in Private Sector Innovation for Ambition and Resilience

Moderator – Dan Byers, Institute for 21st Century Energy

11:10

Speakers:

- **Mr. Wataru Takahama**, Director, Global Environmental Affairs Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan (confirmed)
- **Mr. Abrao Neto**, Chairman, AmCham Brasil
- **Mr. Yasin Kasirga**, Energy Advisor, Energy Transition, UAE COP28 Presidency (invited)
- CTCN Representative (tbd)

11:30

Comments/Discussion

First Discussants -

- **Holger Losch**, Deputy Director General, Executive Board, BDI (confirmed)
- **Sheena Mayers-Greenfield**, Barbados Federation of Employers (confirmed)

11:40 – 12:00

Closing Remarks

- **Ambassador André Correa do Lago**, Secretary for Climate, Environment and Energy at Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (COP30 Presidency) (invited)
 - **Ambassador Patricia Espinosa**, CEO, Onepoint5 and former Executive Secretary, UNFCCC (invited)
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