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Responsible Growth Paths: Policies and Practices from the Extractive Sector

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Meeting Location	Dinner Venue
<p>Maison Internationale de l'Environnement II 7-9, Chemin de Balexert CH-1219 Châtelaine (Geneva)</p>	<p>Restaurant La Perle du Lac 126, rue de Lausanne CH - 1202 Geneva Tel: + 41 (0) 22 909 10 20 www.laperledulac.ch</p>

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CHAIR: **John Maresca**
President, BHF

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, May 15

13:00 Registration and Coffee

13:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

- **John Maresca**, President, BHF

13:25 **Extractive Industry Overview: Potential and Pitfalls**

- **Giacomo Luciani**, Adjunct Professor, Interdisciplinary Programmes; Co-Director, Executive Master in International Oil and Gas Leadership, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

13:45 Questions and Discussion

13:55 **Resource Based Development: The Case of Botswana**

- **Gilles Carbonnier**, Professor of International Economics, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- **Mothusi Palai**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Andrew Bone**, Head of Government and Industry Relations, De Beers Group

14:25 Questions and Discussion

14:40 **Open and Accountable Management of Revenues: the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative**

- **Jonas Moberg**, Head of Secretariat, EITI

Brief Statements

- **Michael Fahrbach**, Head of Sustainability, Glencore Xstrata
- **Eelco de Groot**, Technical Director, Cordaid

15:10 Questions and Discussion

15:25 Coffee Break

15:40 **Relevance of CSR Practice for the Investment Community**

- **Urs von Arx**, Senior Researcher, Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, University of Zurich

Brief Company Statements

- **Jean Laville**, Advisor on Responsible Investment, ConSer SA
- **Antoine Mach**, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Covalence EthicalQuote
- **Philippe Spicher**, CEO, Inrate

16:20 Questions and Discussion

16:35 Opportunities of Cross-sector Engagement on CSR

- **Juan Salazar**, Investment Senior Analyst, F&C Asset Management
- **Rob Dotta**, Deputy Director, BHF

16:55 Questions and Discussion

17:10 Conference Adjourn

19:00 Dinner

Friday, May 16

9:00 Welcome Coffee

9:30 UN Update on Human Rights, Decent Work and Environmental Impact

- **Lene Wendland**, Advisor on Business and Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights
- **Githa Roelans**, Head, Multinational Enterprises and Enterprise Engagement Unit, ILO
- **Tomas Marques**, Programme Officer, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, United Nations Environment Programme

10:00 Questions and Discussion

10:15 Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights: Policy and Practice

- **Rémy Friedmann**, Senior Advisor, Desk Human Security and Business, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Brief Company Statements

- **Hanspeter Heinrich**, Managing Director, Safestainable
- **André Fey**, Head of HSE+CSR, Norsk Hydro
- **Mark Wall**, Vice President of Asset Protection & Crisis, Barrick

10:55 Questions and Discussion

11:10 Coffee Break

11:25 **Grievance Mechanisms: Case Studies**

- **Emma Blackmore**, Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development
- **Jan Klawitter**, Manager Government Relations, Anglo American
- **Valentin Zhovtun**, Social Performance Advisor, Sakhalin Energy (tbc)

11:55 Questions and Discussion

12:10 Networking Lunch

13:40 **Better Gold Initiative: An Introduction**

- **Philippe Fornier**, Secretary General, Swiss Better Gold Association
- **Olivier Demierre**, Senior Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility, PAMP

14:00 Questions and Discussion

14:15 **Panel Session: What is the Case for Responsible Shale Gas Development?**

- **Andrea Moscariello**, Professor of Reservoir Geology, University of Geneva
- **Frank Umbach**, Associate Director, European Center for Energy and Resource Security, King's College; Expert, Shale Gas Europe
- **Damian Oettli**, Head of Business and Consumption, WWF Switzerland

14:55 Questions and Discussion

15:10 **Concluding Remarks**

15:15 End of Conference

The Business Humanitarian Forum (BHF) established in 1999, encourages better understanding and cooperation between the public and private sectors, and works with partners to address humanitarian problems and promote sustainable economic development. The BHF does this by arranging for direct private sector involvement and investment in areas where it is needed, and by providing training and facilitating dialogue between organizations and private companies. The BHF builds awareness that business has a strong, long-term interest in supporting the work of the humanitarian community, and that private sector investment is the key element for economic development and overcoming long-term humanitarian problems. Both sectors are essential for the stabilization and social progress of developing and post-conflict societies. The BHF has initiated and carried out several reconstruction projects in post-conflict areas and helped create partnerships between businesses, development agencies and local governments. The BHF has also sponsored contact groups, workshops and conferences to heighten awareness of the important role business can play in alleviating humanitarian problems. The BHF is a non-profit association based in Geneva and was founded with the encouragement of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. For more information on the BHF, visit www.bhforum.org

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Switzerland therefore regards dialogue with private actors with a specific impact on human rights, such as corporations, and their integration into peace and human rights policies, as an important form of co-operation. The Human Security Division is therefore constantly working together with representatives of the private economy, civil society and governments to develop methods and instruments, aimed at minimizing the negative influences of business activities on human rights and the course of conflicts, and promoting ways in which they can have a positive impact.

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