

**Closing remarks of Ambassador Paula Narváez
President of Economic and Social Council of United Nations
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Co-creating business impact to drive transformation
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Distinguished participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to address you today at the closing session of the 2024 SDG Global Business Forum, co-creating business impact to drive transformation. Please allow me to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the distinguished speakers for enriching the discussions.

As ministers and delegations from around the world gather this week at the 2024 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), this event provides a timely platform to showcase the invaluable contributions of the private sector towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

From the creation of decent jobs to eradicate poverty, to enabling just transition and combatting climate change, and to strengthening corporate governance in food systems transformation, you have demonstrated how business is taking action to shape a better future for all.

I am also encouraged by leading global business associations’ joint effort towards a possible business declaration at the Summit of the Future this September.

I hope this declaration will help the United Nations to identify additional aspects to enhance our strategic partnership with the private sector, co-creating enabling conditions for a sustainable tomorrow.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals remain our beacon of hope to navigate the interconnected global challenges today.

I assure you that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations stands ready to support this alliance for the future!

I thank you.