

Mr President, Permanent and National Representatives, Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

As Network Representative and President of the Portuguese Alliance for the SDGs I thank the opportunity to express here our commitment to the 2030 Agenda and the firm support to our Government to advance the SDGs in our country and its cooperation partners.

As Global Compact Portuguese Network we gather seventy relevant private businesses and institutions, leading the economy to their full integration in the opportunities generated by “Global Challenges, Local Businesses”, meaning Sustainability through social responsibility, innovation, cooperation, inclusion, gender equality, clean energy, harmony with oceans and land, in a framework of circular economy.

As Alliance for the SDGs we organize and manage a “partnership of partnerships” were employers confederations, workers unions, consumer associations, chambers of commerce, academia, local authorities, NGOs, and Social Economy, join efforts for specific partnerships to put in real world the goals and targets of the SDGs. The governance of such a large partnership was entrusted to a Stakeholder Representative Group.

Work is structured around task forces and think tanks; we do what is not better done by other local entity. Based in a trustful experience established years ago, the Alliance is a no fees meeting platform, based in consensus, dialogue and service, for different organizations that remain different but cooperating, in order that no one is left behind, being the rural villages, the young and unemployed, the senior and handicapped, the under qualified and the migrants, the SMEs, farmers and fishermen. In the spirit of Sustainability we believe that the needs of people can be at large solved by business organized in a private or cooperative way, by profitable or social initiative, by individual entrepreneurship or by solidary economy.

Cooperation with the Government is a key factor for success. We find in actual public administration a wide open door for cooperation with all society, "no one left outdoor". We believe that better understanding with the public authorities is not only mandatory but also smart.

More results, with less spend of managing energy, are achieved when we align efforts, and focus on results.

That's the Portuguese Alliance for the SDGs vision.

Thank you