

## Draft Agenda

### Day 1 | Wednesday, 25 October 2023

**12:30 - 13:30**

Registrations and lunch

**13:30 - 14:30**

#### Opening plenary session

Address by:

- ***Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission***

Statements by:

- Macky Sall, President, **Senegal**
- Edi Rama, Prime Minister, **Albania**
- Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, **Bangladesh**
- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, **United Nations**

Video message from:

- Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister, **Japan** and Chair, Group of Seven (G7)

**14:30 - 15:00**

Networking coffee break

**15:00 - 16:30**

**Parallel Leaders' sessions**

## Topic 1.1 – Green energy transition and green hydrogen



The green energy transition, including green hydrogen, could play a significant role in Europe’s and partners’ energy resilience and decarbonisation efforts. It also presents an export opportunity for developing countries. Global Gateway has made good initial progress in developing projects on green energy and green hydrogen production in the Southern Neighbourhood, Namibia, and Chile; other partner countries such as India and Georgia are being engaged. Local value chains and win – win partnerships to address the triple challenge shared with partner countries of energy security, energy transition/decarbonisation and energy affordability are important. Local value chains such as green fertiliser and green steel are relevant for economic development, reducing the risk for a country of exposure to trade in a single commodity - but also mitigating risks for investors as the local economy and communities have a stake in the investments. Sustainability in its social, environmental, and economic dimensions is of central importance. Issues to discuss include:



- Energy supply partnerships and green energy development;
- Green hydrogen in energy supply chains – trends, opportunities and challenges;
- Lessons to-date in combining public and private action for local production of green hydrogen;
- Key next steps and remaining challenges for Global Gateway.

### Keynote Speakers

- Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister, **Namibia**
- Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani, President, **Mauritania**
- Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister, **Egypt**

### Initial remarks

Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission **Executive Vice-President**

### Discussants

- Tran Hong Ha, Deputy Prime-Minister, **Vietnam**
- Werner Hoyer, President, **European Investment Bank**
- Dan Jørgensen, Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, **Denmark**
- Sirojiddin Muhridin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Tajikistan**
- Germán Umaña, Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism, **Colombia**
- Roland Siller, Chief Executive Officer, **Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (DEG)**

### Conclusions

Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission **Executive Vice-President**

## Topic 1.2 – Education and research



A defining characteristic of Global Gateway is its 360° approach, combining support for hard infrastructure with investments to develop the skills, regulatory frameworks and innovation that enable effective digital and green transformations. Global Gateway promotes a comprehensive approach to investment in education, research and innovation, addressing the capacity needs of all actors in order to strengthen people to people exchanges, build trusted networks in education and research and connect researchers and tertiary students between the EU and its partners. Innovation underpins Global Gateway and the green and digital transitions. Innovation in turn depends on the strong foundations of quality education and a strong research culture, based on critical thinking. Through Global Gateway, the EU will facilitate the mobility of students, researchers, staff and teachers and strengthen networks and peer learning. Issues to discuss include:



- Education and research at the core of fair green and digital transitions – opportunities and challenges.
- Key areas of the knowledge and innovation eco-system that the Global Gateway should nurture.
- Education and research as an enabler to support the impact and sustainability of investments in the other Global Gateway priority sectors.

### Keynote Speakers

- Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President, **Somalia**
- Edouard Ngirente, Prime Minister, **Rwanda**

### Initial remarks

Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships

### Discussants

- Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, **United Nations**
- Rigathi Gachagua, Vice-President, **Kenya**
- Bojan Marichikj, Deputy Prime Minister, **North Macedonia**
- Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Min of State for Development, Francophonie & International Partnerships, **France**
- Tomas Tobé, Chair of the Development Committee, Member of the **European Parliament**
- The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Minister of State (Development and Africa), **United Kingdom**
- Dr. Vicente Atxa Uribe, President of Mondragon Knowledge, and Chancellor of Mondragon University

### Conclusions

Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships

17:00 - 18:30

**Parallel Leaders' sessions**

**Topic 2.1 – Critical raw materials**



Secure supply chains to ensure reliable access to critical raw materials are a prerequisite for the green and digital transitions. Successful, mutually beneficial partnerships with partner countries will depend upon creating local value addition. Global Gateway priority flagships for 2023 already include a number of projects on critical raw materials and this is expected to grow in the coming years. Issues to discuss include:

- Current trends, challenges, gaps and opportunities
- How can Global Gateway support local value addition in a highly competitive global context.
- How should Global Gateway scale up its work on critical raw materials and the surrounding ecosystem (energy, infrastructure, skills etc.).
- The development of a critical raw materials club

**Keynote Speakers**

- Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge, Prime Minister, **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, **World Trade Organisation**

**Initial remarks**

Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for Internal Market

**Discussants**

- Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance and National Planning, **Zambia**
- Thomas Alweendo, Minister of Mines and Energy, **Namibia**
- Alfonso Durazo Montaña, Governor of Sonora, **Mexico**
- Jusipdek Kazbekov, Deputy Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, **Uzbekistan**

**Conclusions**

Dubravka Šuica, European Commission **Vice-President**



## Topic 2.2 – Transport corridors



Global Gateway aims to boost connectivity across all forms of transport (roads, buses and trams, trains, ports and shipping, airports). Issues to discuss include:

- The integration of the Western Balkans, Türkiye, Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia into EU connectivity networks – providing the infrastructure to accelerate integration into the single market;
- How can Europe and Central Asia foster cooperation on the Transcaspiian corridor?
- How can Europe best engage with partners to deliver the Lobito Trans-African Corridor and the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor?
- Best practice in terms of linking public and private actors in strategic transport networks as well as key transport needs in coming decades;
- How and where Global Gateway can add most value – given other investments in the sector



### Keynote Speakers

- José Ulisses de Pina Correia e Silva, Prime Minister, **Cabo Verde**
- Irakli Garibashvili, Prime Minister, **Georgia**
- Dorin Recean, Prime Minister, **Moldova**

### Initial remarks

Adina-Ioana Vălean, European Commissioner for Transport

### Discussants

- Ana Brnabic, Prime Minister, **Serbia**
- Odile Renaud-Basso, President, **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- Abdulkadir Uraloğlu, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, **Türkiye**
- Marat Karabayev, Minister of Transport, **Kazakhstan**
- Serdar Jorayev, Minister of Finance and Economy, **Turkmenistan**
- Boudewijn Siemons, Chief Executive Officer, **Port of Rotterdam Authority**
- José de Lima Massamo, Minister of State for Economic Coordination, **Angola**

### Conclusions

Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement

## Day 2 | Thursday, 26 October 2023

08:30 - 09:30

Networking breakfast

09:30 - 11:00

Parallel Leaders' sessions

### Topic 3.1 – Health products manufacturing



Limited access to essential health products, exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of investing in national health systems, the security of supply chains and the development of local manufacturing and the right environment in order to foster resilience. Global Gateway can help increase production capacity, making demand more predictable, creating the right ecosystem for investment and enhancing healthcare systems, all while engaging the private sector to contribute to public health objectives. MAV+ is already working to build Africa's resilience to future health threats; the EU is also establishing a mutually beneficial partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean. Issues to discuss include:



- How to best combine public and private action for local manufacturing of health products.
- How to diversify value and production chains in order to respond to countries' public health needs.
- How to move to more comprehensive resilience in vaccines and other health products.
- Key next steps and remaining challenges.

#### Keynote Speakers

- Macky Sall, President, **Senegal**
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, **World Health Organisation**

#### Initial remarks

Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

#### Discussants

- Caroline Gennez, Minister for Development Cooperation, **Belgium**
- Peter Sands, Chief Executive Officer, **The Global Fund**
- Hala Audi, Chief Executive Officer of **Unizima**, a Univercells company
- Dr Ngashi Ngongo, chief of staff, **Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention**
- Dr Anthony Nsiah-Asare, Presidential Advisor on Health, at the Office of the President of **Ghana**

#### Conclusions

Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

### Topic 3.2 – Digital infrastructure



The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the importance of access to secure and trustworthy digital infrastructures and technologies underpinned by proper regulation. Global Gateway digital infrastructure work under the 2023 priority flagships covers a wide range of actions, including: expansion of trans- and intra-continental connectivity, combined with greater data resilience and security; greening digital; last mile connectivity; data centres; and satellite connectivity. Issues to discuss include:

- Experience so far in mobilising public and private investment, including locally.
- How to ensure that the digital transition does not exacerbate inequalities.
- Continuing challenges (e.g. skills, national strategies, e-governance, international standards).

#### Keynote Speakers

- Vahagn Khachaturyan, President, **Armenia**
- Ana Brnabic, Prime Minister, **Serbia**
- Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister, **Estonia**

Initial remarks Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

#### Discussants

- Anna Bjerde, Managing Director, **World Bank Group**
- Benjamin Diokno, Secretary of Finance, **Philippines**
- Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Costa Rica**
- Nuria Kutnaeva, Minister of Digital Development, **Kyrgyzstan**
- Jessika Roswall, Minister of EU Affairs, **Sweden**
- Yusuf Maitama Tuggar Oon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Nigeria**
- Melissa Schoeb, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, **Nokia**

Conclusions Věra Jourová, European Commission Vice-President

**11:30 - 12:30**

### Closing plenary session

Initial remarks by:

- **Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Commission**
- **Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships**

Statement by:

- **Azali Assoumani, President, Comoros (Chair of the African Union)**
- **Dammu Ravi, Principal Secretary, India and Chair, the Group of Twenty (G20)**

Speeches by European Union Member State Heads of State and Government:

- **Pedro Sánchez, President of the Government of Spain (Presidency of the Council of the EU)**
- **Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg**
- **António Costa, Prime Minister of Portugal**
- **Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister of Italy, Incoming G7 Presidency**
- **Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium**

Closing remarks by:

- **Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Commission**

**12:30 - 14:00**

Lunch