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Luxembourg Stock Exchange dedicates annual forum to the UN SDGs

Luxembourg, 23 May 2019: The Luxembourg Stock Exchange gathered the financial and political community to celebrate its annual highlight “The Stock Exchange Day” on Thursday 23 May. This year, the event zoomed in on change in all its forms under the catchline “It’s not just climate change, it’s everything change!”

More than 600 delegates registered for the 37th edition of the popular event, which took place at the European Convention Center in Luxembourg.

Sustainable Finance on the rise

Frank Wagener, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Luxembourg Stock Exchange, opened the conference with a call for more concrete action in his address: “It takes a lot of work to set up a solid framework for sustainable finance with definitions, standards, and common control mechanisms. This is why we should not just sit and wait for proposals, but become more active. In 2018, the European Commission made fundamental steps to build a solid sustainable finance framework. This is a first step and we need ambitious leaders to achieve these objectives.”

The next speaker to take the stage was **Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**, who encouraged the audience to contribute on an individual level to bringing positive change to the world: “Our model must change, everything must change: the way we invest, the way we produce, the way we trade, the way we consume. Investments in real economy, in innovation and in green sectors, which provide stable and remunerative jobs, must be given priority to eventually lead to sustainable and inclusive development. And guess what? This is also profitable.”

SDGs leading the way

Michael Green, CEO of the Social Progress Imperative, talked about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and illustrated the progress made so far in meeting these ambitious goals: “In 2015, the leaders of the world made a big promise in the form of 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We are now a fifth of

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the way into the journey and the clock is ticking. If we don't act now, it's going to get harder and harder to hit those goals."

It's everything change

Despite the enormous challenges presented by the different speakers, the event ended on a positive note and a reminder that everyone has the power to contribute to creating a better and more sustainable society: "What we are facing now is not just climate change, it's everything change. There is a huge gap in knowledge and understanding, and we need to promote inclusive education. Luxembourg Stock Exchange is contributing to this effort through the creation of the LGX Academy for market professionals. This needs to become a continued effort of the entire financial centre of Luxembourg," concluded **Robert Scharfe, CEO of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.**

Nathalie Reuter was the evening's Master of Ceremony.

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