

**Statement by Meghan Sapp of PANGEA ([www.pangealink.org](http://www.pangealink.org))  
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Good morning Mr. co-chairs,

I am Meghan Sapp, Secretary General of PANGEA, Partners for Euro-African Green Energy representing the sustainable bioenergy industry in sub-Saharan Africa and a member of the Private Sector Mechanism under the Committee for Food Security. I am honoured to be associated with the Business and Industry Major Group.

This week I have been speaking at the Sustainable Energy for All Forum, which has demonstrated the importance of partnerships such as inclusive business models.

To make progress in implementation, we will need to have an open-minded and mutually respectful approach **with the political space for partners to report on results and refine engagement**, including at HLPF and thematic venues like the Committee on Food Security.

We're all here to achieve the Goals. The way we are going to get there is to use review and monitoring to replicate our successes and identify our gaps so we may close them.

From our perspective, working with many small operators in Africa, we do note that a new, separate reporting standard would not be feasible for most businesses.

Businesses engage in many initiatives and standards and undertake extensively in existing reporting systems, which will need to be updated to take the Sustainable Development Goals into account.

Do so would be an effective way to further reporting. Private sector data can be an important resource that will help to measure success toward implementation of the goals.

We hope that countries and the UN system will be prepared to take this approach too in an inclusive manner. The MDGs taught us that rural women got left further behind than all other groups, agriculture was ignored while energy was completely forgotten: the perfect mix to ensure development wasn't achieved. We have the opportunity to learn

from those mistakes and push development goals further than ever before in an inclusive manner.

Thank you.