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BUSINESS LEADERS TO MEET AND DISCUSS ABOUT CERTAINTY ACT IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

AT WOMEN FORUM GLOBAL MEETING 2017

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USPA NEWS - At this year's Global Meeting, of the Women's Forum will tackle new issues, and debate about "Certainty to act in uncertain times". Different and often opposing forces are at play in a disrupted world. Automation technology puts jobs at risk, yet many companies are developing new ways to put humanity at the centre of their organisations. The US Federal Government seems to be moving away from collaboration on climate, yet other leaders from all quarters are stepping up. Amid an unprecedented level of uncertainty, the only thing that's certain is that we must act "" and a gendered perspective can provide new strategies, fresh perspective and concrete solutions. The critical questions will be discussed with the prestigious speakers and share their expertise. Among them, Isabelle Koch, CEO of Engie, Rachel Kyte, CEO of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), Antoine Frérot, chairman and CEO of Veolia, and Gilles Babinet, multi-entrepreneur and digital champion of France. The Women's Forum is one of the most powerful annual summit, gathers the global business leaders and welcomes the happy few men, experts, CEOs, and Business leaders, as well. It takes place in Deauville each year, in Nov

When it comes to climate action, companies, mayors, governors, NGOs and even architects have come out to strongly declare their continued support for the Paris Agreement. It is in that spirit that we introduced our Climate Manifesto at our recent meeting in Rome, calling on leaders to reaffirm their commitment. In addition to being more directly and severely affected by the results of climate change globally, women have been the architects of global climate co-operation and are exercising different forms of leadership on what is arguably humanity's most pressing challenge.-----

At this year's Global Meeting (#WFGM17), we are excited to welcome speakers from a variety of backgrounds. This is just a sample of those who are lending their voices to the debate on climate action and other critical questions:-----

Isabelle Kocher, CEO of Engie, the world's biggest non state-owned electricity company, joins a discussion on the impact of disruption and the company's role in driving global energy transition and making the sector fit for the future.-----

Rachel Kyte, CEO of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) and special representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All will discuss the forces that are putting strain on international co-operation and where the leadership will come from to rebuild globalism. Antoine Frérot, chairman and CEO of Veolia will talk about how companies are taking a stronger stance on social and environmental issues, from public health to immigration and environmental protection. Gilles Babinet, multi-entrepreneur and digital champion of France will join a discussion on how automation, artificial intelligence and genome engineering might transform society for the better. Magatte Wade, passionate entrepreneur and founder & CEO of Tiossan, once named one of the "20 Youngest Power Women in Africa" by Forbes, will discuss what is needed to cultivate the next generation of daring leaders.

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