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## **A new Council is going to help Danish companies to become leading in sustainable and responsible business operations**

**The Danish Government is launching a new Council for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The council will be the official multi-stakeholder platform for discussions and actions in support of business-driven corporate social responsibility and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030**

Sustainable business models, digital opportunities to strengthen corporate social responsibility in global supply chains, and the retention of vulnerable groups in the Danish labor market are just some of the topics to be discussed and addressed by the new Council for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The new Council, launched by the Danish Minister of Business Affairs, the Danish Minister for Finance and the Danish Minister for Employment, will actively contribute to better framework conditions to support companies in working strategically with their social responsibility and the SDGs.

Thorkil Sonne, newly appointed chairman of the Council:

*"I am looking forward to working with corporate responsibility and sustainable development goals in Denmark after five years in the United States and after contributing to UN and World Economic Forum events. I feel more Danish than ever. Through my international work on creating jobs for autistic people I have seen what Danish values and Danish social innovation can contribute to in other societies. On the other hand, it is my experience, that if a Dane has a problem, it has probably been on the agenda somewhere else in the world, so Denmark can also learn a lot from foreign experiences. "*

The Council for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consists of a total of 17 people, including 10 personally appointed members (including the chairman) and seven members nominated on behalf of organizations:

- Chairman of the Council: Thorkil Sonne, founder and chairman of the board at Specialisterne Foundation
- Eva Kruse, CEO Global Fashion Agenda
- Sheela Maini Søgaard, CEO BIG Architects
- Sarah Krüger Falck, Executive director Global Compact Danmark
- Allan Agerholm, Chief Hospitality Officer at BC Hospitality Group
- Simon Boas Hoffmeyer, Director, Group Sustainability at Carlsberg
- Rasmus N. D. Skov, Head of Group Sustainability at Ørsted
- Anne Gadegaard, Director Global TBL management at Novo Nordisk
- Annette Stube, Head of Group Sustainability at A. P. Møller-Mærsk
- Louise Koch, Corporate Sustainability Director for EMEA at Dell
- Thomas Bustrup, Executive Secretary at The Confederation of Danish Industry
- Stine Pilegaard Jespersen, Vice President for employment, education and research at The Danish Chamber of Commerce

- Birgitte Søgaard Holm, Executive Director, Investments and Savings i Finance Denmark
- Kenneth Lindharth Madsen, Head of department, deputy director, trade and market relations, Danish Agriculture & Food Council
- Sanne Borges, Senior Advisor, Business and Human Rights at Amnesty International (on behalf of 92-Gruppen)
- Jacob Bjerregaard, Chairman of the Committee for Environment and Utilities at Local Government Denmark (on behalf of Local Government Denmark og Danish Regions)
- Arne Grevsen, Deputy Chairman at The Danish Confederation of Trade Unions (on behalf of Danish Confederation of Professional Associations, Danish Confederation of Trade Unions and FTF Trade Union Confederation).