The High Level Political Forum: Stakeholder Engagement for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

A Business/Industry Major Group Perspective on "Elements" for HLPF NGO Committee on Sustainable Development April 29, 2016

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About USCIB

Unique US business group working in international sustainability policy since 1992

USCIB **USCIB Members**, Committees & Working Groups

Partner of the **Global Business** Alliance for 2030, focal point Business/Industry MG in UN 2030 Agenda for S/D

ICC International Chamber of Commerce



Organization of **Employers**



Business & Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD



U.S. & Foreign Gov ernments, Regional **Bodies & Other Organizations**

Largest single national affiliate of 3 global business organizations

300 Fortune 500 cos.. biz associations & firms



Nations System



International Labor Organization



Organization for **Economic Cooper**ation & Development

G20, APEC, etc.























Center for International Private Enterprise







International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations



The International Business Alliance for Corporate Ocean Responsibility













BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT ARCHITECTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

ICC as coordinator of the Global Business Alliance for 2030 (#1):

Mandate and Working Methods of the High-Level Political Forum

While retaining the intergovernmental character of the forum, representatives of MGoS major groups should be allowed to:

- Attend all official meetings of the forum;
- Have access to all official information and documents;
- Intervene in official meetings;
- Submit documents and present written and oral contributions;
- Make recommendations;
- Organize side events/round tables, in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat.



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#penable business to take full advantage of engagement opportunities established by Resolution A/67/290, the GBA proposes establishment of a High Level Political Forum Business Coordinating Group (HLPF/BCG) w/following operating principles:

- Distinct business representation
- Autonomous governance
- Comprehensive and representative engagement
- Full range of expertise

Supported by GBA, the HLPF/BCG would provide a business interface to relevant stakeholder focal points at the UN including: OPGA; DESA (DSD, FfD, ECOSOC Support); UNGC etc. For HLPF annual meetings, the HLPF/BCG would:

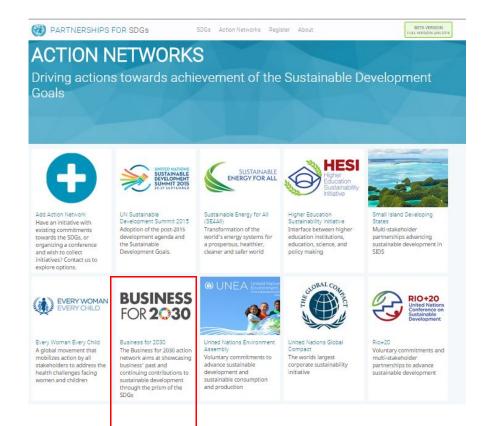
- Ensure broad and inclusive business participation in the High Level Political Forum
- Provide annual reports on the contributions of business to the achievement of the SDGs
- Develop and promote communication & outreach to expand business awareness & increased understanding of the HLPF

BUSINESS FOR 2030

<u>http://www.businessfor2030.org</u>
Improved information flow → revitalized partnerships

BUSINESS FOR 2030

part of official "Action Network"





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The Business for 2030 action network aims at showcasing business' past and continuing contributions to sustainable development through the prism of the SDGs

GBA 2030/ICC Comments on the "Elements"

- Themes
 - All 17 SDGs
 - Space for new and emerging issues
- Countries in Special Situations
 - Adequate time to discuss s/d challenges for countries in special situations
- Participation
 - Reaffirmation of stakeholder role as articulated in GA Res 67/290
 - Specific provision for civil society & provate sector to report on commitments to implement SDGs
- Role of Secretariat

Takeaways

- UN 2030 Agenda for S/D and SDGs are powerful because they invited + reflected MG&S views - this must continue as the modus operandi –
 - "Non regression"
- MG&S are called upon to act individually and in partnership (don't "need" the UN to catalyze this, but cooperation/coordination & synergy will broaden and deepen the response)
- Need to advance institutional innovation and evolution to reflect and operationalize full implementation of 2030Agenda
- Role of MGoS should be mainstreamed throughout the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development system
- Existing reporting tools could be used as models to shape the evidence based contributions to the HLPF

Thank you



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