



**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*  
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## Outline

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- Comments on “Elements” for Resolution on Follow-up and Review of 2030 Agenda
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# About USCIB

**Unique US business group working in international sustainability policy since 1992**

**300 Fortune 500 cos., biz associations & firms**



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

**Largest single national affiliate of 3 global business organizations**





## **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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(#2) To enable 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**

<http://www.businessfor2030.org>

**Improved information flow → revitalized partnerships**



# BUSINESS FOR 2030

part of official “Action Network”

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## ACTION NETWORKS

Driving actions towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

<p><b>Add Action Network</b> Have an initiative with existing commitments towards the SDGs, or organizing a conference and wish to collect initiatives? Contact us to explore options.</p>	<p><b>UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015</b> Adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p><b>Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All)</b> Transformation of the world's energy systems for a prosperous, healthier, cleaner and safer world.</p>	<p><b>HESI</b> Higher Education Sustainability Initiative Interface between higher education institutions, education, science, and policy making.</p>	<p><b>Small Island Developing States</b> Multi-stakeholder partnerships advancing sustainable development in SIDS.</p>
<p><b>Every Woman Every Child</b> A global movement that mobilizes action by all stakeholders to address the health challenges facing women and children.</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS FOR 2030</b> The Business for 2030 action network aims at showcasing business' past and continuing contributions to sustainable development through the prism of the SDGs.</p>	<p><b>United Nations Environment Assembly</b> Voluntary commitments to advance sustainable development and sustainable consumption and production.</p>	<p><b>The Global Compact</b> The world's largest corporate sustainability initiative.</p>	<p><b>Rio+20</b> Voluntary commitments and multi-stakeholder partnerships to advance sustainable development.</p>

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## 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 & private 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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