



# **The Road to the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

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# GLOBAL BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR POST-2015



- In September 2015 the member states of the United Nations will convene to approve a new global agenda to resolve two of the most critical issues confronting the world community: how to end poverty and how to promote sustainable development.
- A preparatory process that will culminate in this historic meeting of the General Assembly is underway and unlike the Millennium Declaration, the business community is involved to help shape policy debate, contribute critical areas of expertise and demonstrate best practices.
- At these intergovernmental meetings, operating under the rules of the Major Group process, the official views of the private sector are represented by the Business and Industry Major Group.
- Business representatives came together during the opening of the UN General Assembly in September 2013 to form The Global Business Alliance for Post 2015 in order to make effective, concrete and long-term contributions to the new international development agenda.
- Composed of major international private sector organizations, the Alliance encompass the views of global, regional, national and sectoral business organizations and associations, as well as, companies from multinational corporations to small and medium size enterprises from all geographic regions having a shared vision that market-based solutions are essential to move toward a more sustainable and equitable world.

# GBA ORGANIZATIONS



The Global Business Alliance for post-2015 is a diverse group across sectors and nations, which offers a broad range of approaches, expertise and perspectives to strengthen and inform the United Nations deliberations at every step of the way.





ICC is ORGANIZING PARTNER for the Business and Industry Major Group, representing and coordinating private sector views and engagement in the Post-2015 intergovernmental processes, through the Global Business Alliance (GBA) for Post-2015.

## I. OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

On 22 of January 2013 the General Assembly established a 30-member Open Working Group (OWG), tasked with preparing a proposal for a set of sustainable development goals consideration by the UN General Assembly. From March 2013 to July 2014, the OWG held thirteen sessions to formulate the SDGs. The co-chairs for the process were:

- H.E. Mr. Csaba Körösi, Permanent Representative of Hungary
- H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya



## The 17 goals are:

**Goal 1:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere

**Goal 2:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

**Goal 3:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

**Goal 4:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

**Goal 5:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

**Goal 6:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

**Goal 7:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

**Goal 8:** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

**Goal 9:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

**Goal 10:** Reduce inequality within and among countries

**Goal 11:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

**Goal 12:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

**Goal 13:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*

**Goal 14:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

**Goal 15:** Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

**Goal 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

**Goal 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



## II. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FINANCING STRATEGY

Another outcome of Rio+20, ICESDF was established with a mandate “to assess financing needs, consider the effectiveness, consistency and synergies of existing instruments and frameworks, and evaluate additional initiatives, with a view to preparing a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives.” The Co-Chairs for the process were:

- Mr. Mansur Muhtar, Nigeria
- Mr. Pertti Majanen, Finland

# What are the next steps



The UN Secretary-General will produce a synthesis report in fall of 2014 that will build on the outcomes of the OWG on SDGs, the ICESDF, and other inputs to the post-2015 process, “as a contribution to the intergovernmental process, and with a view to ensuring that the level of ambition of this transformative agenda is delivered on the ground.” The Secretary-General’s synthesis report is expected to be released in November 2014.

Building toward next year’s negotiations of the post-2015 development agenda, a number of events and processes will occur during the remaining months of 2014 which include:

## **1. UN Development Group (UNDG) Dialogues on Implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

The objective of these dialogues (launched in April 2014) is to draw upon the lessons learned and the collective wisdom of people around the world, convince policymakers that an ambitious post-2015 agenda can be implemented and foster a broad sense of ownership, inclusive planning structures and multi-stakeholder partnerships to support its delivery.



## **2. Second UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries**

The Almaty Programme of Action (APoA) was adopted in 2003 as the United Nations' response to the growing recognition by the international community of the special needs and challenges faced by the landlocked developing countries in achieving their development goals. A comprehensive ten-year Review Conference on the Implementation of APoA will take place in Vienna, Austria on 3-5 November 2014.

## **3. Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

The Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from 14 to 18 March 2015 in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. The Conference will result in a concise, forward-looking, and action-oriented outcome document and will: assess and review of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action; consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations as well as relevant regional agreements within the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action; and adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. ICC is the Organizing Partner for the Business and Industry Major Group.



#### **4. Third UN Conference on Financing for Development (FfD)**

The conference will be held on 13-16 July 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the highest possible political level, including Heads of State or Government, relevant ministers – ministers for finance, foreign affairs and development cooperation – and other special representatives. Preparatory process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development will begin in September 2014. In the resolution, the requested modalities included developing a program of work for consultations with a maximum of eight days, plus two days for informal interactive hearings with civil society and the business sector, between September 2014 and March 2015. The FfD Conference will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 13-16 July 2015. ICC is Chair of the Business Sector Steering Committee.

#### **5. Post-2015 Intergovernmental Process**

The 69th President of the General Assembly, Mr. Sam Kutesa, has appointed: H.E. Mr. David Donoghue of Ireland and H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau of Kenya as Co-Facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations of the post-2015 development agenda. Negotiations will commence in January 2015.. The outcome will then be adopted as a declaration during the Post-2015 Summit in September 2015 at the UN Headquarters.



## **6. Regional Ministerial Consultations**

To supplement the intergovernmental process, regional consultations will be held to discuss the possible role of the regional level in the overall monitoring and accountability framework for the post-2015 development agenda, options for the scope and modalities of regional reviews, and the linkages with the global and national mechanisms within a multi-layered architecture.

## **7. Post-2015 Summit (September 2015)**

Intergovernmental consultations are underway with UN Member States to establish modalities for the post-2015 development Summit. This process is co-facilitated by H.E. Ambassador Robert Guba Aisi of Papua New Guinea and H.E. Ambassador Ib Petersen of Denmark.