

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY CONSTITUENCY SUBMISSION
regarding the AIM workshop at SBI 46 (MAY 2017)**

**Opportunities to further enhance the
effective engagement of Non-Party Stakeholders**

Business values existing opportunities in the UNFCCC and strongly recommends that they should be broadened and enhanced to create a more comprehensive, recognized channel for business engagement to strengthen implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Global leaders recognized the major contribution of business to the outcomes of the Paris Agreement and in follow-up activities around the world. We welcome this opportunity to share business views on the workshop to occur at SBI 46 in May 2017 on enhanced engagement of non-party stakeholders (NSAs) to strengthen implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Business is at the heart of providing solutions, addressing the impacts of climate change and moving towards a "low carbon and resilient economy" – through participation 'inside' the UNFCCC and 'outside' in intergovernmental and national fora, including the G20 and WTO. Companies of all sizes, sectors and nationalities are moving as never before to address climate change impacts and lower emissions of greenhouse gases through investment, research and deploying innovative technologies, processes, products and services.

With entry into force of the Paris Agreement, catalyzing business innovation around the globe, investment and implementation is more urgent than ever and makes developing the institutional structures to work with business and others an immediate task. In our view, to be successful and effective, these interfaces should engage and prioritize representative business groups on substantive consultation and avoid “siloes” approaches that separate “implementation” from “policy elaboration and dialogue.”

The SBI Workshop and its Provisional Agenda

The UNFCCC SBI Workshop in May 2017 will provide an opportunity to start the development of a process that can enhance the role of non-state actors (NSAs) in strengthening implementation of the Paris Agreement.

We suggest inviting an advisory Group of NSAs to help develop the Workshop, working with the SBI Chair and UNFCCC Secretariat. In addition, we recommend that a part of the Agenda, working with the Secretariat and Parties, should be self-organized by business including selection of themes and speakers, and should also include dialogue and interactions with Parties and the Secretariat. This could be coordinated through the focal point.

We would propose the following items for discussion to be included in the Agenda.

In our view, the workshop objectives should be:

- To enable Parties and non-State Actors to express their views on the best ways to enhance the role of non-State Actors in strengthening the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- To agree a way forward on, where appropriate, enhancing current processes to improve engagement.

Elements of an agenda could include:

1. Introduction: SBI Chair – 15 minutes
Purpose of Workshop and expected outcome

2. Current Processes for Interaction with the UNFCCC processes: Observer Liaison Organization/Role of the UNFCCC Champions – 15 minutes

Describe current processes/areas of interaction and how they are managed

3. What unique inputs do Non-State Actors bring to the UNFCCC processes: Individual constituencies – 5 minutes each (total time 60 minutes)

4. What do Parties want non-State Actors to bring to the UNFCCC processes: 4/5 Parties – 5 minutes each (total time 30 minutes)

5. How can the input of non-State Actors be enhanced to increase impact with UNFCCC processes – Constituencies/Parties + discussion – 50 minutes

6. Conclusions and Way Forward – SBI Chair – 10 minutes

We look forward to continuing our partnership and support to this process and the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

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