

# From Just Transition to Transformation

## A Platform for Business in UNFCCC

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# Overview

- **Context and Background**
- **Objectives and Benefits**
- **Model**
- **The proposal for a Business Platform: From Just Transition to Transformation (JTT)**

# Context

## **Business as Observer and Partner in Sustainable Development**

- Business and business NGOs are a recognized *major group* (Agenda21)
  - (one of several: trade unions, local authorities, youth, women, &c...)

## **Business participates as a recognized observer in several UN forums**

- International Chamber of Commerce is accorded General Assembly Observer Status
- Global Platform on Business and Biodiversity and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)
- APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation)

## **Recognized business consultative bodies**

- Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) to the OECD
- International Organisation of Employers (IOE) to International Labour Organization (ILO): Tripartite body (developed and developing countries)

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# Business in UNFCCC process: Evolution and Experience

## *From UNFCCC “early days” to today*

- Business focal point
- Broad range of business groups – across nationalities, sectors, sizes and focus areas
- New Zealand proposal for business channel (1994)
- UNFCCC SBI AIM discussions
- Talanoa Dialogue

## *Business interfaces: Many forms*

- With governments back at capitols and on delegations
- At meetings as observers and through side events
- Submissions
- Informal dialogues in workshops and other forums
- Observer roles in GCF, TEC, CTCN
- Strong support for Paris Agreement, Global Action Agenda, GCAP

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What the Business Platform would **NOT** do

**It Would Not Negotiate**



## ***A Business Platform would:***

- **Be an advisory resource to Parties and the UNFCCC**
- **Dialogue with countries and stakeholders on transition and transformation opportunities, challenges and partnerships**
- **Offer technical expertise and experience**
- **Connect with national business communities in their involvement in NDC implementation/review/improvement processes**
- **Consider/speak to the implications of the full portfolio of NDCs in the global marketplace**

## *What Would it Do?*

- Respond to requests/queries from UNFCCC or Parties
- Offer representative business submissions on relevant topics
- Co-convene an Implementation Roundtable with UNFCCC entities every 2 – 3 years
- Organize or co-organize workshops and dialogues on timely issues of importance
- Information exchange and awareness raising with business at large
- Contribute to capacity building for business communities in developing countries
- Provide continuity over time

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### ***Where could business uniquely contribute?***

- Addressing NDCs and gaps across all areas: mitigation, finance, technology, adaptation/resilience, etc. – strengthening, improving effectiveness
- Systems Thinking and Systems Doing = joined up and integrated approaches that reflects economic, employment, trade and other elements
- Companies in global marketplace will experience the full portfolio of NDCs as implemented in ways that governments will not
- Supply, value, market connections can be reflected
- Technical and practical expertise available to inform assessments and discussions



# Relevant areas

- Research
- Business Plans & Models
- Management



- Deployment
- Workers and Suppliers
- Infrastructure
- Investment and finance

# When Could a Business Platform Contribute...?

## At Each Step of the Way...

- Input to formulation of agendas
- Organization and participation in meetings
- Input to content and opportunity to review and comment on draft background papers
- Submission of ideas and information for consideration
- Assessment of NDCs and GST

# From Just Transition to Transformation (1)

## ***Why now?***

- **Emphasis on stepping up implementation towards transformation via transition**
- **Going into first 5-year cycle – blazing a trail for future sessions**
- **Understanding significant information/resources reside outside govts**
- **Other platforms for constituencies – indigenous peoples, gender/women in place**
- **Commitment/momentum from business and imperative to involve more business**

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## ***How Would the Business Platform Be Governed?***

- Open and transparent – with interface to UNFCCC
- Voluntary and not replacing other business groups observers and inputs
- Using established business organizations and networks

## ***Who would Take Part?***

- Representative business groups (employers, sectors, chambers) in all countries – open to all
- Invite and dialogue with all constituencies

# Conclusion

A recognized platform for business and industry relating to transition and transformation is an indispensable element of the post-2020 framework

**So How Will We Get There....?**

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