

Consultations on the Follow-up and Review of the 2030 Agenda at the Global Level
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My name is Louise Kantrow and I am the Permanent Representative to the UN for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Coordinator of the Global Business Alliance for 2030 (GBA). I am pleased to provide commentary to the Elements paper.

The Global Business Alliance (GBA) for 2030 is a global business alliance encompassing the views of global, regional, national, and sectoral business organizations and associations, as well as companies from multinational corporations to small and medium-sized enterprises around the world with a shared vision that market-based solutions are essential for sustainability. The GBA serves as the interlocutor for business at the United Nations on intergovernmental processes related to the successful realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As an engine of economic growth and job creation, a driver of innovation, and a builder of infrastructure, business will play a critical role in addressing development challenges and accelerating progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in all countries. Through the ICC and the GBA, business is committed to participating at the HLPF in order to report on business progress in implementation of the SDGs.

Regarding the Elements Paper, we support the inclusion of all thirteen elements. Furthermore, we support inclusion of the **reiteration** that adequate time should be devoted to the discussion of sustainable development challenges of countries in special situations. I have the following specific comments for elements pertaining to: **Themes and Participation**. Regarding Themes, in prior consultations, business expressed the view that the highest priority for the HLPF should be the annual review of progress of the seventeen goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda. It is these seventeen SDGs that form the bedrock of the 2030 Agenda. Business, therefore, supports annual review of all seventeen SDGs with an overarching theme articulated as a lens through which they are reviewed.

Space at the HLPF should be made to respond to new and emerging issues.

Regarding the theme on Participation at the HLPF, business supports the inclusion of these paragraphs with consideration of additional elements. Member states might

consider including a reaffirmation of the role stakeholders are allowed as articulated in GA Resolution 67/290 namely:

- 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

Following this, in the third paragraph under this theme, the resolution could also include a specific provision for civil society and private sector be allocated time during the HLPF to report on their commitments to implement the SDGs as part of their contribution to follow-up and review. Seats at the HLPF could be allocated to Civil Society and Private Sector for this purpose.

Finally, business supports the recommendation that the Secretary-General be requested to review the organization of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in order to ensure that the Department can effectively provide support to the HLPF.

Thank You.