UN - BUSINESS COLLABORATION MILESTONES

2000

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Secretary-General's Millennium Report "We the peoples" sets the tone for new era of UN collaboration:

...the United Nations must be opened up further to the participation of the many actors whose contributions are essential to managing the path of globalization ...

Global Compact launches at UN Headquarters New York on 26 July

"Guidelines on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Business Sector" are issued

First General Assembly (GA) resolution on topic "Towards global partnerships" (A/RES/55/215) stresses enhanced cooperation with business and requests that Secretary-General submit a report the following year to the GA

2001

Towards global partnerships

The item "Towards global partnerships" is placed on the agenda of 56th GA, and considered every two years thereafter. As part of the item, the Secretary-General submits a report to GA on "Cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners, in particular the private sector" on a biennial basis providing input towards a GA resolution on the item. Global Compact has responsibility for development of the report.

GA resolution (A/RES/56/76) *encourages the private sector to accept and implement the principle of good corporate citizenship*

2002

"Building Partnerships, Cooperation between the United Nations system and the private sector" provides an overview of activities to date and makes the case for more collaboration

2003

Secretary-General submits report and GA adopts resolution (A/RES/58/129) under the item "Towards global partnerships"

UN System Private Sector Focal Points Meeting convenes staff from across the UN, to be held on regular basis with meetings in 2006, 2008 and 2010

2004

"The Right Road Report" explores how the UN can better internalize the Global Compact principles, leading to efforts in facilities management, procurement and staff pension fund

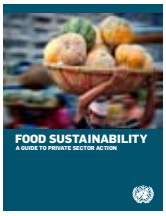
2005

"Business UNusual: Facilitating United Nations Reform through UN-business partnerships" concludes that partnerships are complementary to conventional instruments of cooperation and development

Secretary-General submits report and General Assembly adopts resolution (A/RES/60/215) under the item "Towards global partnerships"

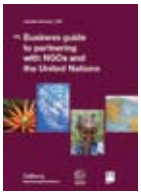
2006

"UN-Business Focal Point" Electronic Newsletter launched to foster better information exchange and learning on partnerships across the entire UN system, subsequently released on quarterly basis



First UN Private Sector Forum focuses on food sustainability and the MDGs, brings together chief executives with government leaders

2007



New resources seek to advance UN-business partnerships

Secretary-General submits report and GA adopts resolution (A/RES/62/211) under the item "Towards global partnerships"

2008

2009

Second UN Private Sector Forum on climate change convenes business and civil society leaders with government to convey support for a global climate agreement

Revised "Guidelines on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Business Sector" are issued by Secretary-General

2010

- business.un.org is launched, marking the first UN-Business partnership gateway for matching private sector resources with UN needs.
- Secretary-General submits report and GA adopts resolution (A/RES/64/223) under the item "Towards global partnerships"

2010