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1. What is the UN Private Sector Forum?

Since 2008, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has convened the UN Private Sector Forum during the opening session of the General Assembly in order to bring the voice of the private sector to inter-governmental debates on key topics. This year the UN Global Compact with a number of UN partners will organize the UN Private Sector Forum on Climate Change as the high-level luncheon of the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit on 23 September 2014.

Co-chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, the Forum will feature remarks by selected Governments and business leaders. Participants will be seated at tables of 10 with leaders from business, civil society, Government and the UN for the duration of the meeting. The event will feature an interactive discussion and announcements of new commitments to action by private and public actors.


2. Who can attend the UN Private Sector Forum?

Participation in the Private Sector Forum is by invitation only. Due to limited capacity, select chief executives and leaders from civil society organizations, including labour organizations and business associations, that have a good track record of addressing climate change and working with the United Nations, the UN Global Compact and its Caring for Climate initiative will have priority in attending the event.

The Forum is exclusively open to:

- Chief executive, C-suite and board-level participants for business
- Executive directors or Presidents of civil society organisations
- Heads of UN institutions.

Registration will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. However, representation by organization sector, size, and region as well as participant gender will be considered.

3. When is the registration deadline?

The registration deadline is 12 September 2014, however due to limited capacity participants are kindly asked to register at their earliest convenience.

4. Can my company / organization send a substitute for a CEO to the UN Private Sector Forum?

The policy regarding chief executive or board member participation at the UN Private Sector Forum is quite rigid due to the high level nature of the event and that a large number of Heads of State and Government will attend.

For these reasons, admission to only board-level and “C-suite” executives (i.e. Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer, etc.) can be granted. If the company’s CEO is unable to attend, he or she may nominate a board-level or “C-Suite” executive to participate. For more information, please contact unpsf@unglobalcompact.org.
5. Can my CEO bring someone to accompany her/him to the UN Private Sector Forum?
Unfortunately, due to the high-level of security as well as space constraints in the venue, only one representative per company will be invited to attend the UN Private Sector Forum.

6. Can my company / organization send more than one representative?
Due to space limitations, we are only able to accommodate one representative per organization at the UN Private Sector Forum.

7. Will there be speaking opportunities for my company / organization?
The Private Sector Forum provides an opportunity to meet and network with other representatives of business, investors, governments, local authorities, civil society and the UN. There will be a limited number of public speaking opportunities for participants during the Forum, with preference given to organizations that have a proven track record of supporting the work of the UN Global Compact and the World Bank or of demonstrating leadership on carbon pricing.

8. What engagement opportunities are available for my organisation at the Climate Summit?
As you prepare to attend the Climate Summit, we hope you will consider the following opportunities:

- Be a Business Leader on Carbon Pricing. Align with the Caring for Climate Business Leadership Criteria on Carbon Pricing and support the call led by the World Bank and partners to put a price on carbon. Please see question [#9] and find more information here: http://caringforclimate.org/workstreams/carbon-pricing/;
- Make a commitment to climate action. The UN Global Compact is calling for commitments to action from the private sector that help advance UN goals, including effective action on climate change. Commitments to action can take many forms, leveraging the unique strengths and characteristics of each actor. Find more information here: http://business.un.org/en/commitment_form;
- Engage in the Climate Summit’s multi-stakeholder action initiatives. The initiatives cover at least one of the nine action areas that will be featured in the afternoon sessions of the Climate Summit. The action areas are: energy efficiency; renewables; short lived climate pollutants; transport; cities; forests; agriculture; adaptation, resilience and disaster risk management; and climate finance. For more information, please contact ccst@un.org;
- Join Caring for Climate. Engage with nearly 400 companies from over 50 countries in the largest global corporate climate initiative launched by the UN Secretary-General in 2007. Find more information here: http://caringforclimate.org/about/join-caring-for-climate/.

9. What is the Business Leadership Criteria on Carbon Pricing?
A set of Business Leadership Criteria on Carbon Pricing has been developed by Caring for Climate to inspire companies to reach the next level of climate performance, and to give recognition to businesses that are at the forefront of advocating for a price on carbon. The Business Leadership Criteria complement a Statement on Putting a Price on Carbon developed by the World Bank Group and other partners to call for countries and companies to demonstrate strong global support and action toward pricing carbon. Companies are invited to indicate alignment with the criteria. Find the criteria and more information here: http://caringforclimate.org/workstreams/carbon-pricing/
10. I am attending the UN Private Sector Forum. Can I also attend the Climate Summit?
Participants that indicate alignment with one of the carbon pricing initiatives to be featured at the UN Private Sector Forum, make a commitment to action or are part of a multi-stakeholder initiative on one of the nine action areas of the Climate Summit, will receive an invitation to sessions of the Climate Summit in addition to the UN Private Sector Forum. (see question #8 on engagement opportunities for more information)

11. Can the Head of a Global Compact Local Network attend the UN Private Sector Forum?
The head of a Global Compact Local Network may attend the Forum if he/she has a chief executive or board-level role in a company and if capacity allows.

12. How many participants are expected at the UN Private Sector Forum?
There will be approximately 350 participants at the UN Private Sector Forum including nearly 150 business participants, and 200 participants from Government, civil society organizations and the UN.

13. What is the format of the UN Private Sector Forum?
The UN Private Sector Forum will be comprised of two segments: A Business and Civil Society Special Session will take place from 11:30 to 13:00, featuring leadership actions that businesses can take in cooperation with Governments to address climate change. It will be followed by a High-level Luncheon (13:30 to 15:15) co-chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim. The High-level Luncheon will provide a platform for business and Governments to lead the way towards establishing fair and appropriate carbon pricing measures in long-term strategies and public policies. Participants will be seated in tables of approximately 10 and will receive a briefing package that will provide background material. The Forum’s webpage will be updated regularly with more information about the format and agenda (please visit: http://unglobalcompact.org/Issues/Business_Partnerships/un_private_sector_forum_2014.html).

14. Who will sit at the table of my CEO at the UN Private Sector Forum?
Participants will be seated at tables of approximately 10 with leaders from business, civil society, the UN for the duration of the meeting. Government representatives will join during the High-level Luncheon. Table allocation will take into consideration geographical representativeness and gender balance.

15. Which Heads of State/Heads of Government will attend the UN Private Sector Forum lunch?
The Heads of State or Government of all UN Member States have been invited to attend the Private Sector Forum. For information on Government participation at previous Private Sector Forum events, please visit [add website]: http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/Business_Partnerships/meetings_workshops.html
16. Can you send me the list of participants of the UN Private Sector Forum?
We are unable to release the list of participants at this time and continue to receive registrations on a regular basis. In the weeks leading up to the event, registered participants will receive the names of those who will be seated at their table. Please refer to the previous UN Private Sector Forum meeting reports to see prior lists of participants, access here: http://www.unglobalcompact.org/Issues/Business_Partnerships/meetings_workshops.html

17. Can you provide information about hotel and travel accommodations?
Given the large number of Government delegations present in New York during the week of the Climate Summit and opening of the General Assembly debate, organizers cannot guarantee hotel accommodations or transportation for participants. Accordingly, Private Sector Forum participants are kindly asked to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements as soon as possible.

18. Will the Global Compact cover the cost of my travel and/or accommodations?
Participants are responsible for the cost of travel and accommodations, and we kindly ask participants to make their own arrangements. The UN Private Sector Forum relies on sponsorships and contributions from participants to cover the cost of convening the event, and unfortunately, no additional funding is available.

19. Where do I enter the building on the day of the event?
Confirmed participants will receive a logistics note which will include detailed information and directions for the day of the event.

20. Will there be media in the room?
A limited number (maximum of 20) of UN-accredited journalists will be given access to the luncheon segment (13:30 – 15:15) of the Private Sector Forum, with space for overflow in the South Dining Room. (Please note due to space constraints, the morning segment will not allow journalists to sit in the room.)

Due to security precautions and space constraints, camera crews cannot be admitted to the Forum. However, a broadcast-quality signal will be provided in the media center. Likewise, the PSF will be available via UN Webcast (http://webtv.un.org).

Other media opportunities for participants will also be possible on the sidelines of the event e.g. press conferences. Further details will follow in the weeks ahead. Please contact: Kristen Coco. E-mail: cocok@un.org.

[Answer to integrate Climate Summit’s Media/Press guidelines]

21. Will the UN Private Sector Forum be webcast?
Yes, the entire private sector forum will be available via UN Webcast (http://webtv.un.org)
22. Will there be interpretation for the UN Private Sector Forum?
Interpretation will not be available; the meeting will be held in English.

23. What is the registration fee?
The Private Sector Forum relies on a cost-covering contribution from business participants. This contribution will cover costs for the event including meal and service at the luncheon.

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24. Can I pay over the phone? (or for any other payment related question)
Please contact the UN Global Compact events management team at + 1 212-907-1399.

25. Where can I get more information about the Climate Summit?
Please visit the Climate Summit website for further information and updates: [http://www.un.org/climatechange/summit/](http://www.un.org/climatechange/summit/).