



The CEO Water Mandate

Summary of Steering Committee Conference Call: 26 January, 2017

Present: J. Bedoya (Bavaria); G. Burian (Monsanto); L. Karbassi (UN Global Compact); M. Gillespi (CDP-Water); A. Leles (Sanasa); J. Morrison (Mandate Secretariat); J. Smith (Woolworths); C. Vousvouras (Nestle); M. Ha (Mandate Secretariat)

| Agenda item | |
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| <p>1. Welcome and Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ L Karbassi welcomed all participants to the call and provided an overview of the agenda for meeting <p>2. Approval of previous meeting's summary</p> <p><i>The previous meeting's summary was approved by Steering Committee Members and will be published on the Mandate' website.</i></p> <p>3. Update on UNGC 2017 Programmatic Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• L. Karbassi provided an update on the UNGC's new business model which will be implemented in 2018 that will shift participation fees from a voluntary to a mandatory structure and will include a one invoicing system.• She also highlighted the launch of the 9 Action Platforms that will integrate the SDGs as well as the 10 principles. The Action platforms look to engage 20-40 companies who will work to advance the platforms over the course of 2-3 years. The Action Platforms are listed here: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/sdgs/action-platforms• The SDG Blueprint Action Platform may be of interest to Mandate endorsers as it will look to promote leadership and action from a principled approach.• The UNGC will hold two flagship events – the first will be UNGC's Annual Meeting held on the 26-27 of April in New Delhi. Water stewardship will have a session. The other meeting will be held during the UN General Assembly in September and will feature the Leaders Summit and Private Sector Forum | |

- In addition, the UNGC will hold 6 other programmatic events on Gender, Climate, Human Rights, UN Oceans Convention, and The Mandate's Stockholm World Water Week Event.

Steering Committee Members requested that the Secretariat communicate the goal and themes of relevant events ahead of time in order to ensure that the correct representatives are able to attend.

It was reiterated that the Stockholm World Water Week events would be the focal point for all orientation related to the Mandate's programmatic work, hence all workstreams will be showcased and advanced at the meeting either as part of the Mandate's side event or within the main World Water Week sessions. Fundraising for the Mandate will be done within the context of the event.

4. Discussion on Budgets for 2017

- The anticipated budget for 2017 will mirror that of 2016, around 1 million USD for the Secretariat and the implementation of the Mandate's workplan
- In 2016, general contributions from the UNGC supported a portion of the Mandate Secretariat. In 2017, the general contributions are not as clear as the UNGC transitions its funding model. The remaining funds come from Mandate endorsers' sponsorship, estimated around 600K USD in 2016, which is roughly the estimated budget for 2017 as well. The Secretariat has had some success fundraising from government donor agencies including from USAID as part of the USAID Sustainable Water Partnership, some funds from GIZ to support development of the Water Stewardship Toolbox. The Mandate also had promising discussions with the Swiss Development Cooperation and will also see how to position itself to potentially find funds in 2018 from the Dutch Sustainable Water Fund.
- The list of sponsors for 2016 will shortly be reflected on the Mandate website by tiers of membership.

SC members mentioned that they will reach out to potential companies they are aware of in their respective regions to contribute to the Mandate. There will likely be differentiated approaches, in some regions companies are more interested in contributing to global initiatives while others will prefer to channel funds through the UNGC Local Network structure.

5. Steering Committee Nominations

- Based on recommendations by the Secretariat and following discussions with current Steering Committee members, the following individuals and companies are confirmed to the Steering Committee:
 - Troy Jones, Teck Resources, North America
 - Ana Maria Duque, Cementos Argos, Latin America
 - Naty Barak, Netafim, Middle East and North Africa

- Inge Huijebrechts, Carlson Rezidor, Asia
- Andre Fourie, ABInBev, Europe

- It was noted that for the remainder of this year there will be 3 representatives from the Latin America region given the interest in water stewardship in Latin America. At the end of the year, the membership will revert back to two companies for each region.
- Discussions were also held for special advisors. The Secretariat recommended that the following individuals be invited to the Steering Committee:
 - Beatriz Martins Carneiro– UNDP Brazil, UNGC Network Brazil Representative
 - Peter Koefoed Bjornsen – DHI
 - Richard Volk – USAID

Following outreach by the Secretariat, Beatriz Martins Carneiro and Peter Koefoed Bjornsen have accepted the invitation to join the Steering Committee as Special Advisors.

6. Mandate Workplan Discussion

- J. Morrison, on behalf of the Mandate Secretariat, provided a high level overview of the one pager outlining the workstreams and activities of the Mandate in the coming year mentioning that the Mandate will be seeking Endorser input in the documents at subsequent meetings
- J. Morrison mentioned that in terms of time commitment for the working groups, some individuals participate in all working groups, some only in one with colleagues participating in others. The level of engagement is left to each company to decided.

SC members commended the Secretariat on the document, agreed to the general direction laid out by the one pager in terms of scope of work to be pursued by the Mandate in 2017.