



The CEO Water Mandate

Summary of Steering Committee Conference Call: 29 September, 2016

Present: G. Burian (Monsanto); L. Karbassi (UN Global Compact); V. Kona (Tongaat Hulett); C. Sharpe (UNICEF); C. Lamb (CDP-Water); M. Gillespy (CDP-Water); M. Dickstein (Heineken); J. Morrison (Mandate Secretariat); J. Smith (Woolworths); A. Leles (Sanasa); C. Vouvouras (Nestle); M. Ha (Mandate Secretariat)

Agenda item	
<p>1. Welcome and Agenda Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ L Karbassi welcomed all participants to the call and noted Jason Morrison's new recent appointment as President of the Pacific Institute. Jason will remain Head of the CEO Water Mandate. J. Morrison noted that in his new role, he will work even more to bring the water resource management and the corporate water stewardship worlds together. <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's website.</i></p> <p>3. Reflections on Stockholm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ J. Morrison provided a quick review of the Mandate's meetings in Stockholm. Meetings were deemed an overall success, with good feedback from participants who found the discussions highly germane and thought-provoking. <p>4. CEO Water Mandate's Working Group Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To set the context, J. Morrison provided a brief background for the working group restructuring. In order to better reflect the Mandate's 3-year strategy and the new Agenda 2030 SDGs, the working groups have been re-scoped to reflect the new priorities. They also allow more flexibility to capture not only the targets of SDG 6 but also all other water-related SDGs. ▪ The re-scoped four working groups include: Human Rights & WASH; Operations & Supply Chain Stewardship; Metrics, Impacts, and Disclosure; and Collective Action & Policy Engagement. Depending on a project, it may mean that more than one working group might be involved. For example, the Mandate's current work 	

on WASH in supply chains might involve input from both the Human Rights and WASH working group as well as the Operations & Supply Chain Stewardship groups.

- Endorsing companies in Stockholm generally agreed with the direction of the working groups realignment.

SC members approved of the direction of the working groups. Suggestions were made that the working group document would benefit from additional language that explains how companies may become engaged in the working groups, rather than just their description. This suggestion was accepted and will be taken forward in the final version of the working group document. Once finalized, the Mandate's website will also be updated.

5. Mandate's Role in Support of the UNGC's 2020 Strategy

- L. Karbassi provided an overview of current changes being discussed within the UNGC related to the issue platforms and the UNGC's 2020 strategy. Following the UNGC's Leaders Summit in June and Private Sector Forum in September, the UNGC is now looking to implement its 2020 Strategy, which focuses on moving to action on the SDGs.
- The UNGC will be focusing on identifying cutting edge leadership practice, using the SDGs as the "north star" for action, being a critical connector between the global and the local, and moving to measure impact and performance.
- One of the key pillars of the new strategy is the launch of new Action Platforms that enable business to take concrete steps towards helping to achieve the SDGs. Four initial Action Platforms were launched at the Private Sector Forum in September including those on reporting, innovation, financing, and scaling solutions.
- Water will continue to be a key issue area of the new UNGC 2020 strategy. Discussions are underway as to how to position the Mandate's work in relation to Action Platforms that intersect with water, in addition to aligning with some of the learning, sharing, and tool development already underway within the Mandate.

General agreement by the SC about how to integrate water and the Mandate's work within the direction of the UNGC's 2020 Strategy.