



ESCAP Sustainable Business Network

## Application and commitment

Acknowledging that:

- *the business community has a key role to play in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as achieving the SDGs will require all actors – government, private sector and civil society – to work both individually and collectively to achieve the Goals*
- *achieving an inclusive, resilient, responsible and sustainable society in practice means ensuring environmental sustainability, social inclusiveness and economically and ethically responsible conduct in all aspects of company operations, including in its supply chain*
- *the principles of the United Nations Global Compact outlines fundamental values for conducting business in a responsible and sustainable way, and as such underpin the achievement of the SDGs*

**On behalf of the company/organization below, I hereby apply to be a member of the ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN). As a member of the ESBN we will:**

**1. Contribute to the ESBN objective of advancing sustainability among business in the region by:**

- **Actively participate** in ESBN meetings and ESBN taskforce activities on a self-funded basis, and
- **Contribute to shaping and driving initiatives and activities** through providing expert views, contributing staff time (own and others from the company/ organization), funding, and/or rallying networks in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement.
- **Advance company sustainability:** Advance sustainability within own company/organization and use Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) metrics to analyze the company's ethical impact and sustainability practices (see 2 below).
- **Share knowledge and advocate:** Contribute private sector views and expertise to ESCAP and ESBN organized events, publications and other knowledge outputs as needed/when called upon. Advocate for sustainability in sector and business networks, and for the importance of ambitious policy and business engagement for achieving the 2030 Agenda/SDGs.

**2. Adhere to principles of responsible business:**

Address social, environmental and ethical issues and risks in our company operations, and supply chains by:

- Being a signatory of the UN Global Compact, the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (for investors), the Principles for Responsible Banking (for banks), or equivalent globally recognized standards for socially and environmentally responsible business as determined by the ESCAP Secretariat.
- Tracking and reporting on sustainability progress by issuing annual sustainability reports, in accordance with reporting standards and guidance of the UN Global Compact, GRI, the Task Force on Climate Related Disclosures (TCFD), CDP, International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), or equivalent as determined by the ESCAP Secretariat, showing the progress of the company on sustainability issues in a transparent and verifiable manner, including in its value chains.
- Take action on climate, including by doing climate based impact assessment and reporting and working to set science-based emission reduction targets aligned with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

Company/organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title\* of designated representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of designated representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed by\*\* (name and title): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Typically Chairman, CEO, President, Managing Director, COO, Head of Sustainability or similar.

\*\* When the designated representative is at a level requiring higher level endorsement to sign up on behalf of company.



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## ESBN Membership Information\*

BASIC INFORMATION
Name of Company/Organization:
Name, title and email of designated representative to the ESNB:
Name, title and email of alternate representative to the ESNB:
Name, title and email of Head of sustainability of the company (if different from above):
Applying for ESNB membership as a representative of/on behalf of: <input type="checkbox"/> Company <input type="checkbox"/> Business association / business membership organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): _____
Objective of joining the ESNB:
What the company/organization will bring to the ESNB:
CONTACT INFORMATION:
Email of designated ESNB representative:
Telephone:
Name and email of assistant/additional contact person:
Company Address:
Website:
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED:
Business: <input type="checkbox"/> Large private company <input type="checkbox"/> Small or medium sized company <input type="checkbox"/> State-owned enterprise Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Business association <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government organization (NGO) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Sector:
Main Product or Service Offered:
Number of Employees:
Types of clients:
Year of Establishment:
Countries or Regions where the company/organization is active:
SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS AND AMBITIONS
Please provide a short description of what your company or organization is doing to advance environmental and social sustainability of its own operations, including within its supply chains, and or that of other companies:

\*The information in this form will be used for due-diligence purposes when screening prospective ESNB members.



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SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES AND ETHICAL STANDARDS OF THE REPRESENTED COMPANY/ORGANIZATION:	
1. Is your company/organization a signatory to the UN Global Compact?	
2. Does your company/organization apply any other internationally recognized standards/principles of responsible business conduct/corporate social responsibility?	
3. Does your company/organization produce annual sustainability reports? If yes, does it follow GRI or other standard?	
4. Does your company/organization have a sustainability/ethics policy or code of conduct? If yes, please attach or provide link.	
5. If yes on (4) what areas does this policy cover? : (mark all that apply)	<i>Please answer Yes / No and provide details where relevant</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Respect for human rights	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-discrimination (incl. gender equality policy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forced Labour	
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Labour	
<input type="checkbox"/> Employee health & safety	
<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom of association/collective bargaining	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-corruption & bribery	
Other relevant areas covered by your sustainability policy:	
6. Is your company/organization engaged in any of the following activities: a) arms b) pornography c) gambling d) recreational drugs, including tobacco e) trade in wildlife or wildlife products	If yes, please provide details.
7. Is your company or organization involved in any sustainability initiatives (private or public, and national or international level)? If so, please list and state level of involvement.	
8. Have you or your organisation been involved in any past partnerships or initiatives with the UN or its agencies, funds and programmes? If so, please describe the nature of the project or name the initiative, and level of involvement.	
9. Please provide any other relevant information:	



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**FULL DISCLOSURE**

- a. To the best of your knowledge, have you or your company / organization ever been involved, accused of or associated with any of the following (please provide further relevant information for all applicable and indicate whether such involvement has been resolved):
- a. Human Rights Abuses
  - b. Exposure to Use of Forced Labour or Compulsory Labour
  - c. Use of Child Labour
  - d. Mismanagement and/or fraud
  - e. Bribery
  - f. Excessive environmental pollution/degradation
  - g. Violation of any domestic law
  - h. Terrorism

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- b. Please disclose any major lawsuits you or your company is or has been party to, or investigations currently being subjected to, concerning alleged instances of abuse of human rights, labour standards, environmental practices and/or corruption.

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- c. Please disclose any other known issues associated with you or your company that might be of relevance to being associated with the United Nations.

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I hereby certify that the statements and information in this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I acknowledge any misrepresentation, falsification or material omission of information on this application may result in my failure to receive an offer or ESNB Membership termination.

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*Applicant (name, title, company)*

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*Date*