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Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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1. How can the private sector help to implement the 2030 Agenda?

⇒ An example of WBCSD:
SDG Compass



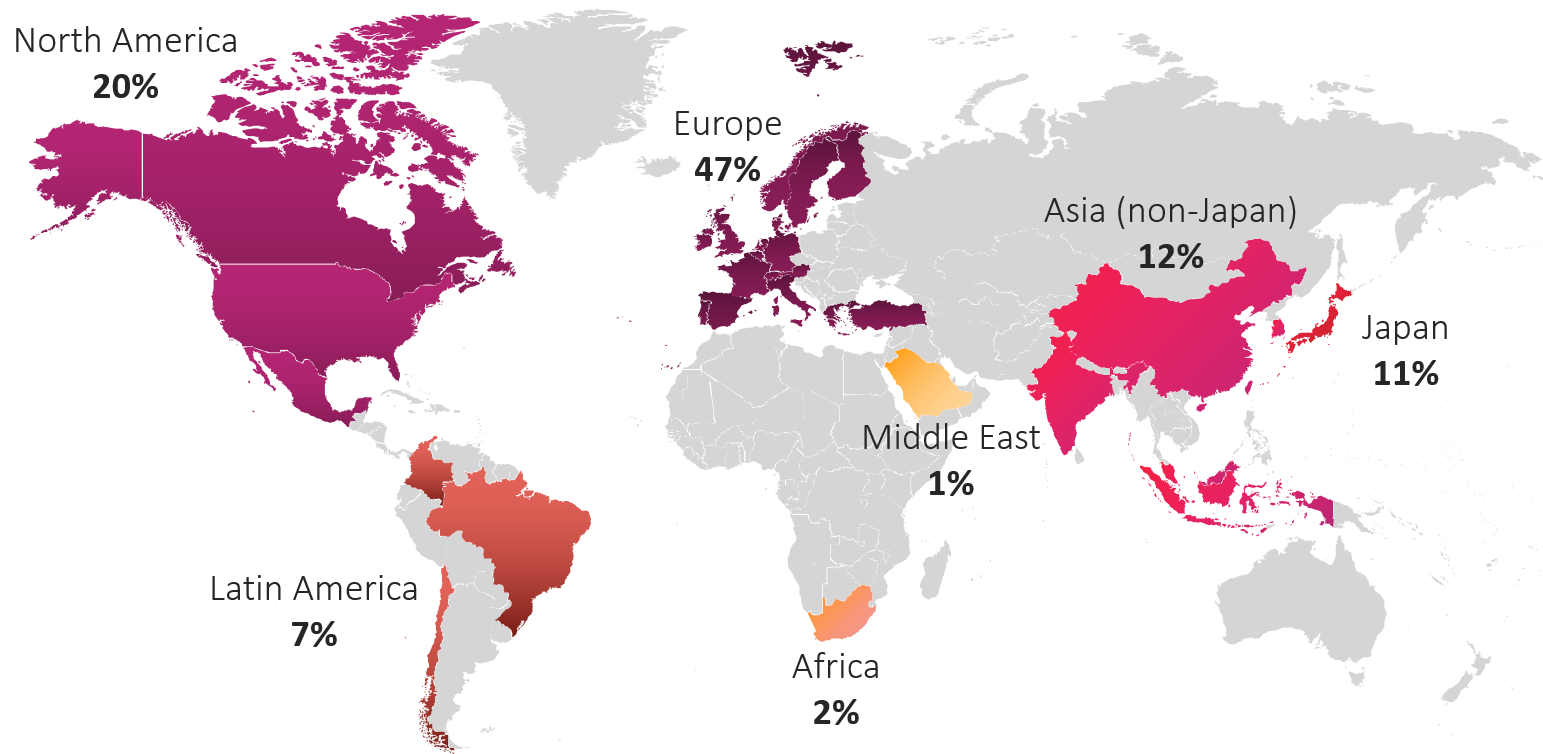
About the WBCSD

- CEO-led organization of some 200 global forward-thinking companies that galvanizes the global business community to create a sustainable future for business, society and the environment
- **Vision2050**: 9 billion people, living well, within the limits of the planet
- **9 priority areas** informed by science

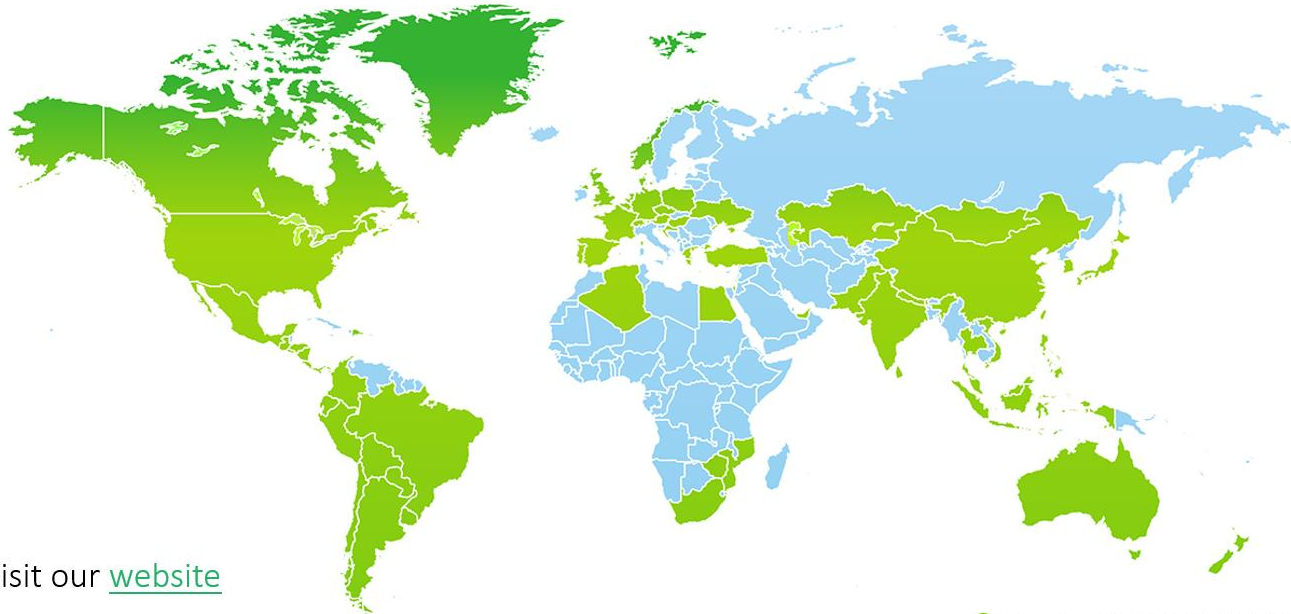




Membership Overview **by Region**



WBCSD's 67 Global Network

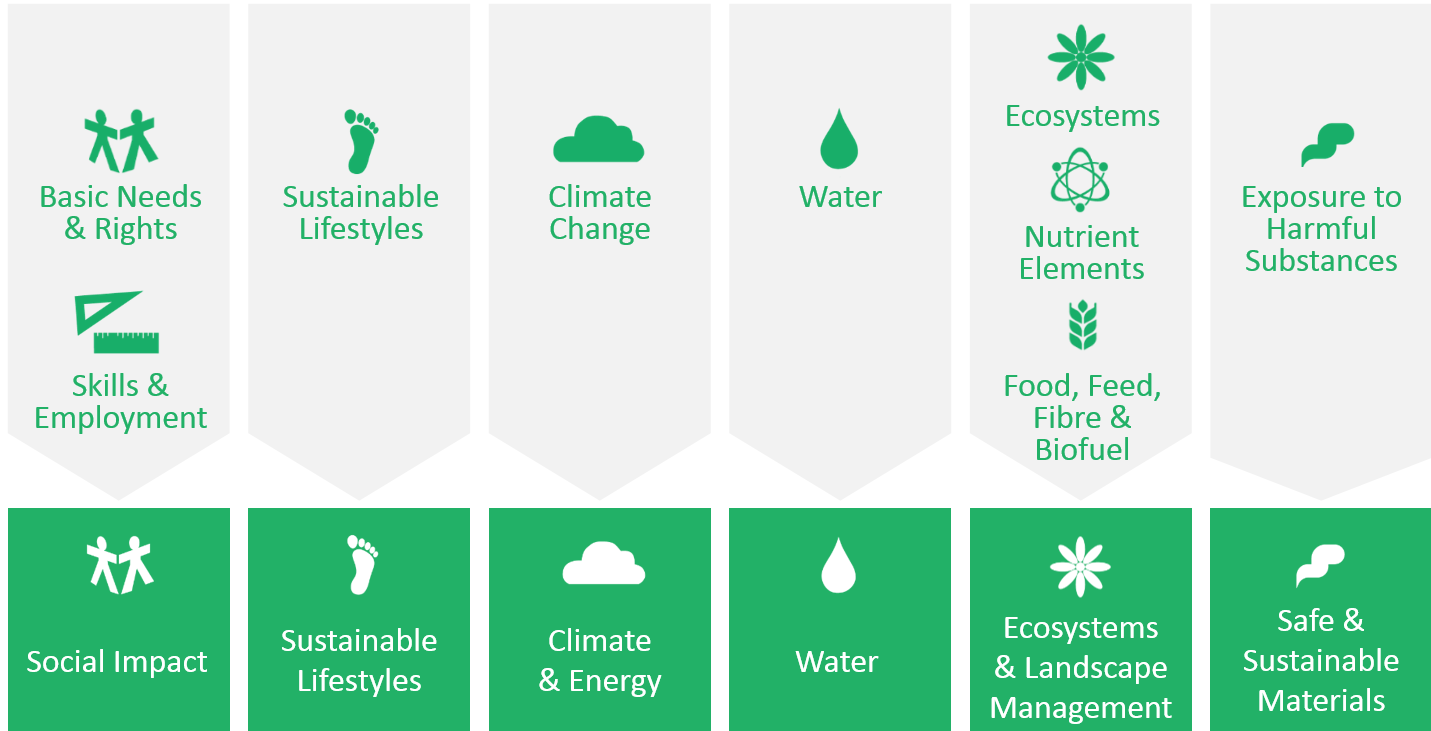


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● Countries with WBCSD Global Network representation



From 9 Priority Areas to 6 Clusters





SDG Compass

About the SDG Compass

Objective

Guide companies on how they can align their strategies as well as measure and manage their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Partnership



United Nations
Global Compact



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Development

- Multi-stakeholder feedback through three consultation periods
- Launched 26 Sep 2015 at the UN Private Sector Forum



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Developed with input from relevant stakeholders, including business
- Adopted by UN member states 25 September 2015
- Set the global development agenda until 2030



Business is a vital partner in achieving the SDGs

Transforming our world: The 2030 agenda for sustainable development (agreed to by all 193 UN Member States)

Article 67:

“Private business activity, investment and innovation are major drivers of productivity, inclusive economic growth and job creation. We acknowledge the diversity of the private sector, ranging from micro enterprises to cooperatives to multinationals. **We call on all businesses to apply their creativity and innovation to solving sustainable development challenges.**”

“Business is a vital partner in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Companies can contribute through their core activities, and we ask companies everywhere to assess their impact, set ambitious goals and communicate transparently about the results.”

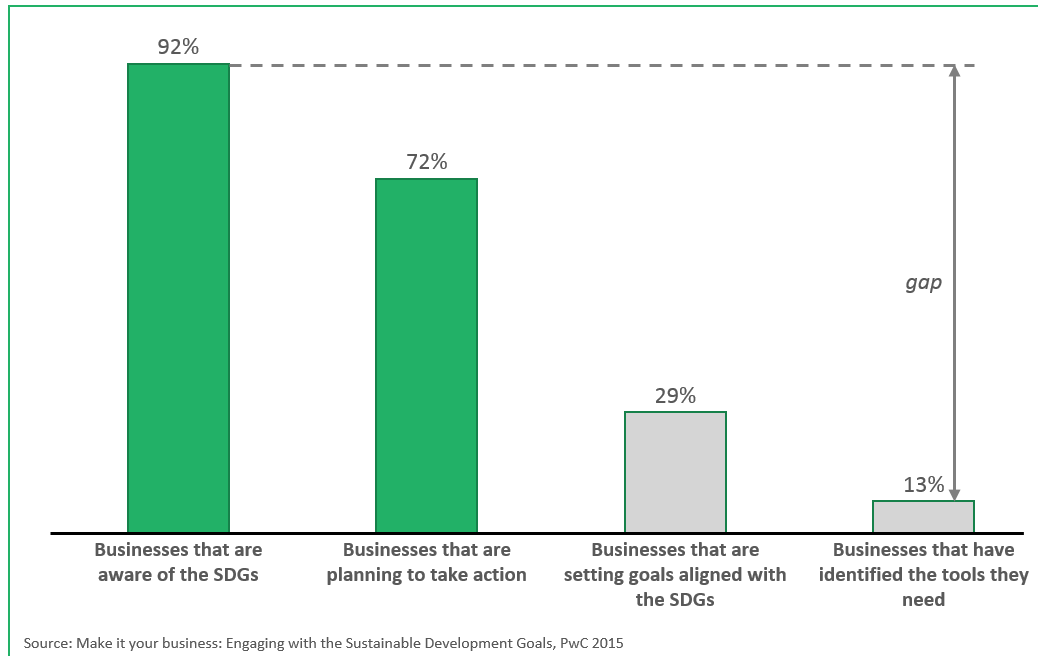
Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General

Putting the SDGs at the heart of the company allows capitalization on a number of benefits

The business case for aligning your strategy with the SDGs

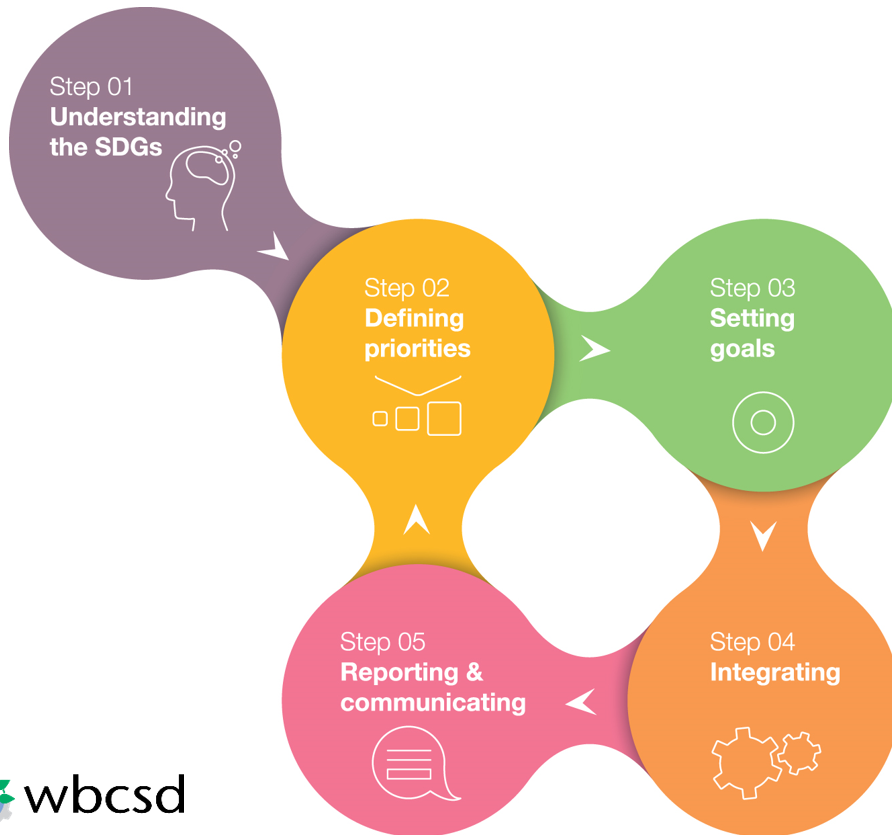
- *Identifying future business opportunities*
- *Enhancing the value of corporate sustainability*
- *Strengthening stakeholder relations and keeping the pace with policy developments*
- *Stabilizing societies and markets*
- *Using a common language and shared purpose*

Business are aware of the SDGs but they don't have the tools they need



The SDG Compass explains how the SDGs affect your business – offering you the tools and knowledge to put sustainability at the heart of your strategy.

SDG Compass is built around five steps



Resources comprising the SDG Compass

- **SDG Compass guide** explaining the five steps in detail
- A live inventory of existing **business indicators** from relevant and widely-recognized sources, mapped against the 17 SDGs and their targets.
- A live inventory of **business tools** mapped against the SDGs.
- A two-page **overview for each SDG**, covering the role of business, and illustrative examples of business solutions, indicators and tools.



1. Understanding the SDGs



3 actions

- What are the SDGs?
- Understanding the business case
- The baseline responsibilities for business



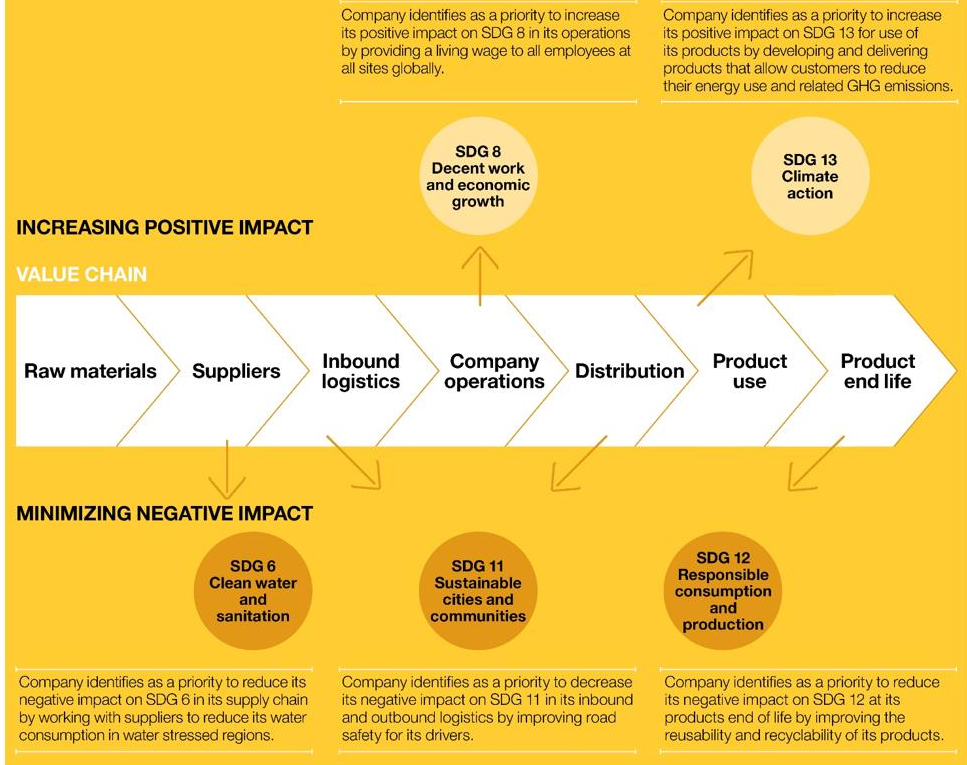
2. Defining priorities

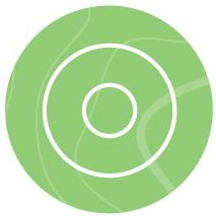
3 actions

- Map the value chain to identify impact areas
- Select indicators and collect data
- Define priorities



In action: Mapping the SDGs against the value chain





3. Setting goals

4 actions

- Define scope of goals and select KPIs
- Define baseline and select goal type
- Set level of ambition
- Announce commitment to SDGs



In action: Adopting a goal setting approach

INSIDE OUT APPROACH

Today's internally focused approach to goal setting is not enough to address global needs.



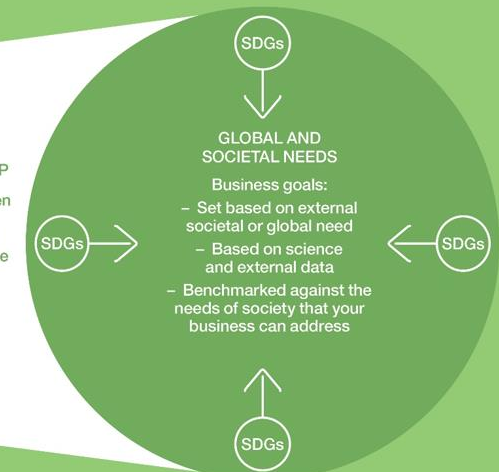
PERFORMANCE GAP

There's a gap between current business performance and required performance in addressing global needs

OUTSIDE IN APPROACH

By looking at what is needed externally from a global perspective and setting goals accordingly, businesses will bridge the gap between current performance and required performance.

The SDGs represent an unprecedented political consensus on what level of progress is desired at the global level





4. Integrating

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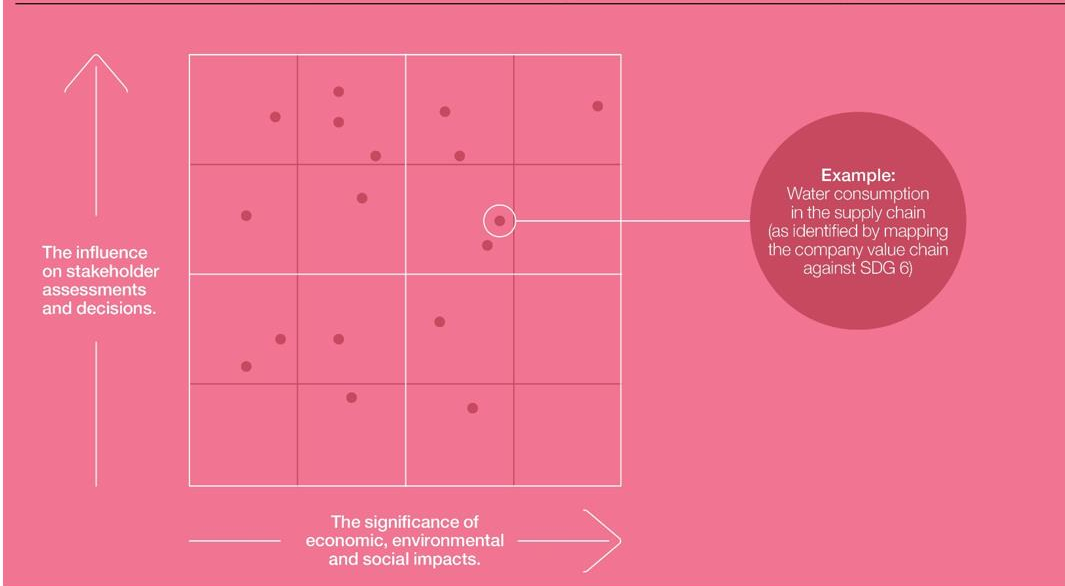
- Anchoring sustainability goals within the business
- Embed sustainability across all functions
- Engage in partnerships





5. Reporting and communicating

In action: Mapping SDG reporting priorities through materiality



2 actions

- Effective reporting and communication
- Communicating on SDG performance

SDG Compass website

The full SDG Compass guide can be found on our website along with resources that will help your company align your strategy with the SDGs.

The website includes:

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www.sdgcompass.org



2. What lessons can be drawn from previous experiences with the MDGs, and in particular, what models of public-private partnerships have been successful?



⇒ An example of WBCSD:
Development Focus Area



The role of business in Development

- Business:
 - Engine of economic growth and employment, source of technology and innovation
 - Critical role in providing solutions towards a more sustainable and equitable world
- Business case:
 - Business cannot succeed in societies that fail
 - Risk management
 - Build positions in tomorrow's growth markets
 - Transition to a more sustainable world: major business opportunity





WBCSD's role in Development

- Create **awareness** among business on risks and opportunities
- Define the business role in sustainably addressing key development challenges and **advocate** business perspectives to policy makers and other relevant stakeholders
- Demonstrate leadership by promoting business-led **action** on the ground



Members of the Working Group



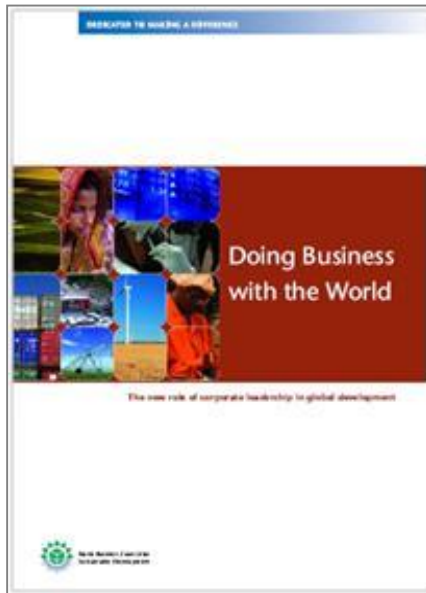
WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE





Thought leadership

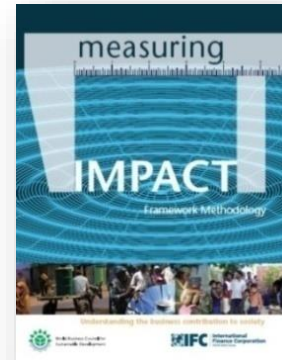
- Platform for leading-edge thinking and messaging on business and development
 - **Advocacy piece** on the business role in development, outlining WBCSD vision on Development





Tools

- Platform to access WBCSD tools to enhance companies awareness and capacity to respond to development risks and opportunities
- Example:
 - **Measuring Impact Framework**
 - Helping companies measure and assess impacts to inform investment decisions and conversations with stakeholders
 - Focusing on uptake by members and partners and on providing input to external measurement frameworks such as Business Call to Action on the Millennium Development Goals, Oxfam, and others





Initiatives

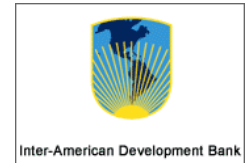
- Platform for companies to launch development-related projects under the umbrella of the WBCSD
- A Example: **Mobility for Development**
3-year project completed in 2009
 - Public-private partnerships, if well planned and executed, can help governments attract private sector investment for projects that would otherwise not be possible. They can shift construction and maintenance risk to the private sector and enable cost savings and service improvement, freeing up the public sector to focus on outcomes.





Advocacy

- Platform to access and influence international processes and initiatives
- Examples
 - **Global Platforms**
 - Business Call to Action on the Millennium Development Goals
 - UNDP Growing Inclusive Markets Initiative
 - Financing for Development
 - UN Development Cooperation Forum
 - **Regional Initiatives**
 - Inter-American Development Bank
 - Asian Development Bank Energy for All Partnership
 - Energy Poverty Action with WEF and WEC





Key messages – 1

- **Business is a solution provider**
 - As an engine of economic growth and employment and a source of technology and innovation, business can provide solutions to critical development challenges.
- **Business is the major source of capital for developing countries**
 - Aid is important, but the transition towards sustainable development in developing countries will require mobilizing private sector investments, which account for 85% of global financial flows.
- **The sustainable development of developing countries is a business opportunity**
 - Major technological and infrastructural investments to sustainably meet the needs of a growing population in developing countries are needed. This represents a major business opportunity for companies that anticipate trends and respond with smart solutions.





Key messages – 2

- **Business cannot succeed in societies that fail**
 - By understanding and proactively addressing socio-economic and environmental risks, companies can underpin their license to operate, innovate and grow.
- **Inclusive business equals a win-win for business and society**
 - By including low-income communities in their value chains, companies can meet their aims of growth and profitability, while addressing societal needs.
- **What gets measured gets done**
 - By measuring the impact of business on society companies can understand their role and contribution to development and make better operational and investment decisions to improve this contribution.
- **Business cannot solve poverty, but poverty will not be solved without business**
 - For business to effectively contribute to sustainable economic growth, the appropriate legal, institutional and financial framework conditions need to be in place – globally, regionally and nationally.





Partnerships

