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non-governmental, governmental and other
organizations**

Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the International Economic Senate (Internationaler Wirtschaftssenat e.V., IWS), a non-governmental organization (NGO) applying for consultative status with UNIDO.

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on the International Economic Senate (Internationaler Wirtschaftssenat e.V., IWS), a non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO, is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.
2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. In line with the procedures established by the Board at its forty-fifth session (IDB.45/Dec.16), the Enlarged Bureau of the Board shall review the present application of, and information on the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document at its meeting prior to the fifty-first session and submit its recommendations to the Bureau of the Board. The Bureau shall consider the application and recommendation of the Enlarged Bureau at its first meeting on 3 July 2023.
3. At the subsequent plenary meeting, the President of the fifty-first session shall inform the Board of the Bureau's recommendation on the application and, with the approval of the Bureau, the President shall present a draft decision to the Board for adoption.

For reasons of sustainability, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to refer to electronic versions of all documents.



Annex

International Economic Senate (Internationaler Wirtschaftssenat e.V., IWS)

Historical background

The International Economic Senate was established in 2013 with the objective of strengthening and developing a strong network of German business and industry, and of their representatives, for a sustainable and socially acceptable balance between politics, society, science and business. One of the main goals of the IWS is to advise German, European and global politics in the interest of the common good. The IWS also aims to build connections between business and educational institutions and young academics.

The IWS is composed of nationally and internationally active members from business, science, politics and society. Today, the IWS sees itself as a neutral link between small and medium-sized enterprises and industry, politics, science and society. Together with international partners it promotes dialogue on globally sustainable economic activity.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The body of the association is constituted of the following boards and committees:

- The Meeting of Senators;
- The Executive Board;
- The Executive Committee;
- The Advisory Board;
- The Supervisory Board; and

IWS Academy.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

The IWS pursues a healthy, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible global market, to promote a constructive exchange between economy, politics and science on an international scale, and to support technologies contributing to the successful development of renewable energies and effective environmental protection. The IWS is striving to create a mutually beneficial space for exchange, consisting of a network of experts from business, industry, politics, sustainability and science.

Since its establishment in 2013, the IWS has taken the following actions to pursue its goals:

- Provided active member support through the provision of background information and the procurement of immediate contact to foreign offices and global business companies in order to allow for optimum preparation and orientation;
- Organized panel discussions, contact forums, expert talks and special events on an international scale; and
- Organized projects with associations, international organizations and business companies.

The IWS sees potential synergies in a possible close cooperation with UNIDO in the promotion, support and visibility of various sustainability issues, environmental and above all social aspects, such as supply chains, and industrialization through the diverse expertise of its members. The primary objective of the events it hosts is to recapitulate political, economic and social action by organizing high-level panel discussions on such topics as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the global economy 2030, mobility and logistics, sustainability, the energy industry, health care, urbanization, digitalization and technology, diversity and leadership.

The IWS has linked UNIDO with Deutsche Telekom AG to implement a workshop on digital inclusion of women, digital transparency, digital solutions in global supply chains and a joint accelerator programme to support upcoming entrepreneurs in the field of cloud-based technology solutions for development. Among other things, discussions were held to explore expanding the work of Deutsche Telekom AG, especially in Africa, and the role UNIDO could play in supporting that endeavour.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

The Internationaler Wirtschaftssenat e.V. was accredited as an NGO with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in August 2021.

The IWS works closely with its umbrella organization, the World Economic Council.

Furthermore, the IWS is also collaborating with a number of non-governmental organizations. These organizations include: Kiel Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Institut für Sozialstrategie, Confederation of Indian Industry, Weltethos Institut, Marketing Club St. Petersburg, Financial and Business Association of Euro-Asian Cooperation, Club Allemand International de Monaco, BSP Business and Law School, Hochschule für Management und Recht Berlin and the Deutsch-Emiratische Industrie-und Handelskammer.

Membership

To date, the IWS has 130 members that represent Germany-based companies from 25 sectors. As a part of its political exchange, the organization also promotes dialogue with diplomats from different regions.

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