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**Matters related to intergovernmental,
non-governmental, governmental
and other organizations**

Review of the consultative status of non-governmental organizations

Report by the Secretariat

In line with Board decision IDB.46/Dec.7, the present report provides information on the consultative status of non-governmental organizations.

I. Background

1. The Industrial Development Board may accord consultative status to international and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in accordance with Article 19.1(b) of the Constitution and the provisions of the Guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations, issued by the General Conference at its first session through decision GC.1/Dec.41. The Guidelines set out the criteria and procedure for granting consultative status to NGOs and provide for a periodic review of consultative relations in paragraph 20.

2. Decision IDB.46/Dec.7 “recommended that the Board should review at least every four years the list of NGOs holding consultative status, in line with GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 20 (a)”.

II. Review by the Secretariat

3. In April 2024, the Secretariat circulated a questionnaire to all NGOs currently in consultative status with UNIDO to assess the status of cooperation over the last four years (2020–2023). The NGOs were asked to return the completed questionnaire by end of May 2024.

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4. The accompanying letter recalled the provisions of the Guidelines, quoting paragraph 20 (b), by which “the Board may in reviewing the list conclude that an organization in consultative status, which has not shown interest and goodwill in cooperating with UNIDO during a period of three years, may be deemed not to have sufficient interest to warrant the continuance of such a relationship”. It also informed NGOs that, should the Secretariat not receive a response indicating the organization’s interest in pursuing its cooperation with UNIDO, the Board, upon recommendation of the Director General, may decide to suspend the consultative status or withdraw such status on the basis that the organization no longer lives up to the criteria applied in the establishment of participating relations, or that such action is appropriate in the light of a change in the activities or programmes of UNIDO (GC.1/Dec.41, para. 21).

5. Of the 40 NGOs currently in consultative status, 38 either returned the completed questionnaire or replied by letter or email, confirming their wish to work with UNIDO and maintain their consultative status. The two remaining NGOs that failed to respond were either found to be inactive or could no longer be traced.

III. Action required of the Board

6. In accordance with decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 20 (b) and 21, the Board may wish to consider discontinuing the consultative status of those two NGOs listed in annex I of the present document. The status of the remaining 38 NGOs, listed in annex II, would be maintained.

7. Accordingly, the Board may wish to consider the adoption of the following draft decision:

“The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Takes note of the information contained in document IDB.52/30;

(b) Taking into consideration GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 21, decides to discontinue the consultative status for those organizations listed in annex I to document IDB.52/30 that have not demonstrated sufficient interest in cooperating with UNIDO in the past four years.”

Annex I

<i>Name of organization</i>	<i>Abbreviation/ acronym</i>	<i>Authority/ decision</i>	<i>Background information document</i>
Global Options and Linkages	GOAL	IDB.33/Dec.10	IDB.33/13
International Foundation for the Promotion of Privatization and Foreign Investments	FPI	IDB.11/Dec.36	IDB.11/6

Annex II

<i>Name of organization</i>	<i>Abbreviation/ acronym</i>	<i>Authority/ decision</i>	<i>Background information document</i>
AISEC International		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
Arab Federation for Food Industries	AFFI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
AVSI Foundation	AVSI	IDB.41/Dec.16	IDB.41/20
Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation	CGDC	IDB.41/Dec.16	IDB.41/20
China Chamber of International Commerce	CCOIC	IDB.44/Dec.17	IDB.44/18
European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean	EBCAM	IDB.47/Dec.10	IDB.47/28
European Union of Public Relations	EUPR	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
Forum Francophone des Affaires	FFA	IDB.34/Dec.4	IDB.34/10
Global Alliance of SMEs	GASME	IDB.40/Dec.9	IDB.40/23
Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization	GEIDCO	IDB.49/Dec.12	IDB.49/26
Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition	GWNET	IDB.49/Dec.12	IDB.49/26
International Alliance of Women	IAW	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience	IAESTE	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Association ZNANIE		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
International Centre on Small Hydro Power	ICSHP	IDB.19/Dec.6	IDB.19/4
International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs	ICIE	IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28
International Council of Women	ICW	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Economic Senate	IWS	IDB.51/Dec.13	IDB.51/27
International Electrotechnical Commission	IEC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Federation of Automatic Control	IFAC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Federation of Business and Professional Women	IFBPW	IDB.4/Dec.45	IDB.4/17
International Gas Union	IGU	IDB.40/Dec.9	IDB.40/20
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis	IIASA	IDB.50/Dec.9	IDB.50/28
International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy	2iecologie	IDB.46/Dec.14	IDB.46/23
International Investment Center	IIC	IDB.28/Dec.8	IDB.28/12
International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization	IMSCO	IDB.17/Dec.8	IDB.17/12
International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	INSME	IDB.28/Dec.8	IDB.28/12/Add.1
International Organization for Standardization	ISO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
ISEKI-Food Association	IFA	IDB.38/Dec.11	IDB.38/19
Organization for International Economic Relations	OIER	IDB.39/Dec.10	IDB.39/18
Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities	OICC	IDB.11/Dec.36	IDB.11/16
Society for International Development	SID	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Society of Chemical Industry	SCI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Soroptimist International	SI	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations	WAITRO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
World Federation of Engineering Organizations	WFEO	IDB.43/Dec.11	IDB.43/17
World Free Zones Organization	World FZO	IDB.44/Dec.17	IDB.44/18
World Union of Small and Medium Enterprises	WUSME	IDB.48/Dec.14	IDB.48/28