



## WBCSD Membership Conditions

Membership of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) is by invitation of the CEO of WBCSD, and approved by the Executive Committee. We welcome expressions of interest in membership from companies with a commitment to sustainable development.

Members of the WBCSD should be committed to the **mission** of the WBCSD:

- The WBCSD is a **CEO-led organization of forward-thinking companies** that galvanizes the global business community to create a sustainable future for business, society and the environment.
- Together with its members, the council applies its respected thought leadership and effective advocacy to generate constructive '**business solutions for a sustainable world**' and to the **objectives** of the WBCSD which are to:
  - be a business thought leader and advocate for sustainable development,
  - participate in policy development to create the right framework conditions for business to make an effective contribution towards sustainable development,
  - develop and promote the business case for sustainable development,
  - develop scalable business solutions, and promote their implementation, for sustainable development,
  - demonstrate and measure the business contribution to sustainable development and share leading-edge practices among members,
  - contribute to a sustainable future for all nations.

Members of the WBCSD agree to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and further WBCSD's Vision 2050

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**A member company COMMITS to the following conditions of membership to WBCSD:**

1. Be legally and operationally independent;
2. Be represented on the Council of the WBCSD by the Chief Executive Officer or executive-level or board of directors' representative, preferably with overall responsibility for sustainable development's integration with business strategy and its execution;
3. Nominate a Liaison Delegate, to manage the relationship with the WBCSD and ensure optimum benefit for, and engagement of, the member company;
4. Actively support the objectives and work plan of WBCSD as approved by the Council. This includes, but is not limited to, engaging and helping create scalable action around at least one of the WBCSD Programs and their Projects; be willing to be actively involved by making in-house competence and appropriate personnel resources available.
5. Strive for consistency in their advocacy by being transparent about the position and actions the company is taking on sustainable development, ensuring that communication and lobbying activities support the WBCSD mission: 'WBCSD Mission is to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world by making more sustainable business more successful';
6. Operate at the highest levels of transparency; use leading reporting frameworks where appropriate to report on their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance and actively contribute to implementing governance processes that integrate the ESG performance into the review of their business. The company agrees to have its sustainability report reviewed and benchmarked by WBCSD via a confidential process using transparent and objective criteria;
7. Pay the annual base membership contribution, for selection from the four base membership contribution options approved by the Council, and applicable project fees; payments need to be completed within the terms. A late payment surcharge will be applied. The company membership has no expiration, without written notice of withdrawal.
8. Notice of withdrawal of membership must be provided to the CEO of WBCSD in written form signed by the Council Member, from 1 January to 30 September, with membership resignation taking effect as of the first day of the following year. Notices received after 30 September (till 31 December) will result in the company's withdrawal from WBCSD to take effect on the first day of the year after the following one. Members are required to cover their membership fees until their membership ends in accordance with these conditions.

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