

**Business and Industry Intervention Before
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At the half way point on the road to COP16, we urge governments to continue development of a post 2012 framework agreement that will provide business the clarity needed to meet climate change and energy challenges in the context of a return to economic growth.

The recently released Chair's text to facilitate LCA negotiations should help clarify options, and provide a helpful starting point for both priorities and structure of the work going forward. Progress can and should be made in several areas identified in the text, notably relating to technologies, adaptation and private sector finance and investment.

We will do our utmost to support and inform your discussions building on Copenhagen's accomplishments towards a substantial outcome in Cancun. The thoughtful engagement of the Mexican government and a new Executive Secretary are also good catalysts to making the necessary progress.

Global business strongly supports a post-2012 agreement. Business can deliver solutions given a global and inclusive framework agreement. This agreement must drive innovation and stimulate private sector investment in efficient and low-emitting technologies, set the conditions to speed up the deployment of existing and advanced technologies provide a level playing field to spur competitive innovation and facilitate adaptation in areas like risk management.

We are already taking action. Business is the most important innovator and investor in clean technologies and can and will do more given clarity, predictability and flexibility in a global and inclusive framework agreement that works with markets and provides the enabling frameworks for technology innovation and deployment.

According to the UN and the IEA, over 80 per cent of the resources required to fund global mitigation and adaptation activities to halve global emissions by 2050 and develop and deploy technologies, will come from the private sector via investments and carbon markets.

The agreement must therefore provide signals and incentives to unleash the full power of business for action in the areas of adaptation, mitigation, finance, and technology.

Moving forward it is vital to:

- Initiate the "fast-start" funding, and clarify the role of private sector participation
- Initiate the mechanisms to accelerate technology transfer and include a role for the private sector in the development and implementation of technology initiatives
- Elaborate activities and governance for the Technology and REDD+ mechanisms and adaptation
- Establish a meaningful monitoring, reporting and verification regime
- Encourage Business to
 - deliver further emissions reductions and adaptation solutions through innovation,
 - stimulate investment in efficient and low-emitting technologies, and
 - speed up the deployment of existing and advanced technologies

We must recall that business, governments and society are intricately linked – climate change solutions will need all three to work together.

Thank you.

