

BINGO Statement to SBI AIM Contact Group at UNFCCC SB56

“The review of the approach to admitting observer organizations”

- Thank you for the opportunity for BINGO to speak on enhancing effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders in the UNFCCC.

In our view the objective and opportunity here should be inclusiveness and adequate support for ongoing dialogue, expert advice from and partnership with NSAs. Inclusiveness should strive for wide regional representation, with business and other constituencies from G77 and LDCs, including on national delegations as appropriate, with visas, support and frameworks for their meaningful engagement, as mentioned by the G77/China and the Africa Group.

- We note the extraordinary involvement, commitment and actions by non-party stakeholders including business in Glasgow and since – there is no doubt that the direction of travel is implementation implementation implementation, and observer organizations are an indispensable part of the ambition imperative that we all share.
- If designed well, this inclusiveness and meaningful engagement of observer organizations actually can contribute to the pursuit of efficiency discussed in AIM yesterday. For this reason, we support the EU proposal for a workshop under the SBI chair in conjunction with SBI 57 to bring Parties and non-Party stakeholders together with a focus on improving efficiency towards enhancing ambition and strengthening implementation – one key element of the workshop agenda should be relating to enhancing the substantive participation of observers.
- Building on Chile’s suggestion to invite analysis from experienced independent sources, such as former executive secretaries, we would suggest that inviting similar analysis from longstanding stakeholder participants in this process who would contribute additional important perspectives, experiences and innovative ideas for improvements in the efficiency of the process.
- It is widely recognized that shifting into high gear on action means bringing in societal partners of every kind, reflected most recently at Stockholm +50, and in Dakar at the OE WG on an LBI on plastics pollution. The UN Secretary General’s report, Our Common Agenda, focusses on supercharging SDG implementation while strengthening the UN. To accomplish that, the report describes a UN that actively involves non-state actors in meaningful ways. And we know other multilateral deliberations and institutions already provide for recognized consultation with societal partners, such as the ILO and OECD.
- In just the first week of this SB session, we have heard abundant references to involvement of the private sector, including in IPCC special events, the 6.8 and GGA workshops, and the GST. As the UNFCCC enters this phase of implementation, so too should the opportunities for meaningful and substantive engagement for business evolve, mobilizing every sector in every jurisdiction.>
- A just, fair and inclusive transition will be critical in dialogue with all stakeholders in the transformation of energy systems and commerce. Adaptation and resilience will depend on consultation and partnership with business, local communities and many other societal partners. Strengthening NDCs to achieve higher ambition will require business involvement and resources.
- We welcome comments from the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, the High Level Champions, COP 26 and incoming COP27 Presidencies, and numerous governments asserting their support for the inclusive

engagement of all sectors of society, including business, in the UN climate process and in all aspects of implementation.

- Tackling climate change is an economy wide, all-of-government and all-of-society imperative. This is true at national (that is vis a vis NDC implementation and assessment) and global levels. Anything less defeats the purpose we are here together to advance, the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement.
- Business is providing solutions, addressing climate change impacts and moving towards lower carbon, resilient economies – through participation 'inside' the UNFCCC and 'outside' in other intergovernmental and national fora, including the HLPF, G20, UN Environment and the WTO – and in business operations and investments around the world.
- Companies of all sizes, sectors and jurisdictions are moving as never before to address climate change impacts and lower emissions of greenhouse gases through investment, research and deploying innovative technologies, processes, products and services.
- We thank the SBI Chair, Parties and the Secretariat for encouraging this ongoing effort that is so critical to better outcomes and faster and more broadly deployed actions. We look forward to the outcomes of this group's work to further enhance the ways in which non-state actors can be a resource and partner to all Parties in this Party driven process, and to the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement.