

# **Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**

## **CCBI/ICC intervention regarding the Internet Governance Forum**

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Thank you Mr Chairman, Mr Kummer.

On behalf of CCBI and ICC, I would like to provide a few comments in response to the questions you posed before the lunch break.

### **Programme Committee**

On the programme committee, we view it as an integrated programme committee, with equal multistakeholder representation from **governments, business, civil society, and the technical community**.

We believe that these representatives should be selected in close consultation with stakeholders and would be looking to ensure diversity of geographic representation as well as experience in the representatives put forward. We view this in the context of making recommendations and would hope that the UN SG would draw from that list, recognizing the decision-making role of the UN Secretary General.

Business would put forward names of business representatives, along with biographical information to reflect their expertise and experience to represent business interests, bring appropriate skills and diversity to the programme committee. Part of the aim of the selection process should be to ensure that the representatives will be vehicles for outreach to each group to increase input from the broader expertise in the business community for instance.

On the idea of multiple bureaus or programme committees, representing each stakeholder group -----any one of the interested groups could always meet to discuss areas of mutual interest related to the integrated multistakeholder programme committee.

The possibility of a second round of consultations has been mentioned. We would like to reiterate a few key considerations in this regard:

1. any further consultations must continue to be inclusive
2. they should be planned with sensitivity to the limited financial and human resources of all stakeholders
3. the location and dates should be selected so as to align them with other meetings on activities identified in the Tunis Agenda.

Lastly, we have listened to the discussions and would like to add that we look at the IGF as an opportunity to progress development, participation and capacity building issues. And, we support topics that could be constructive as an attempt to avoid controversy.

Thank you Mr Chairman.

## **WHAT IS THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS INTERLOCUTORS (CCBI)?**

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was held during the week of 8 December 2003 in Geneva, culminating in the Summit segment on 10-12 December 2003. The second part of this Summit took place from 16 to 18 November 2005 in Tunisia.

Principals of the Summit host countries and executive secretariat invited the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) to create the Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI) as a vehicle through which to mobilize and coordinate the involvement of the worldwide business community in the processes leading to and culminating in the Summit. ICC and the CCBI group led the private-sector effort to provide substantive input into the first phase of the Summit, and mobilized the private sector to participate in the preparatory phases and at the Summit itself.

The business community has decided to maintain a role for CCBI with regard to follow-up from the WSIS and its outcomes.

Among the organizations actively involved in the work of the CCBI, in addition to ICC, are: Asociacion Hispanoamericana de Centros de Investigacion y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones, Brazilian Chamber of Electronic Commerce, Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD; The Computer Society of Kenya, Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce; Global Information Infrastructure Commission; Latin-American Information Technology Association; United States Council on International Business; World Information Technology and Services Alliance; French Publishers Association; International Publishers Association, CABASE, E-COM LAC.

For further information regarding CCBI, please consult the WSIS website at: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html>  
the CCBI website at [www.businessatwsis.net](http://www.businessatwsis.net)  
or ICC's website at: <http://www.iccwbo.org/policy/ebitt/id2343/index.html>  
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## **ABOUT ICC**

ICC is the world business organization, a representative body that speaks with authority on behalf of enterprises from all sectors in every part of the world. ICC promotes an open international trade and investment system and the market economy. Business leaders and experts drawn from the ICC membership establish the business stance on broad issues of trade and investment, e-business, IT and telecoms policy as well as on vital technical and sectoral subjects. ICC was founded in 1919 and today it groups thousands of member companies and associations from over 130 countries.

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