GLOBAL BUSINESS COALITION

Plenary Meeting, 5th Edition

GBC, an alliance of major independent business associations, representing the voice of more than 21 million enterprises in the G20 and other international fora

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- Christine Lepage, Director International Department; GBC Sherpa

TUSIAD: Turkish Industry and Business Association
- Simone Kaslowski, President
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UIA: Union Industrial Argentina
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Foreword
GBC Plenary Meeting, 5th Edition

The leaders of the prominent business federations from major world economies are meeting in India on the occasion of the 5th edition of the Global Business Coalition Plenary Meeting.

This meeting, hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), comes in the wake of the B20 and G20 Argentina summits, which took place, in Buenos Aires, and ahead of the B20 and G20 Japan summits, to be held in Tokyo and in Osaka.

This two-day meeting will allow the international business community representatives to conduct meaningful and constructive dialogues on some of the GBC’s priority topics, including notably, Trade and Investment, Resource Efficiency, Digitalization and the Future of Work, and to meet with the Government of India and leaders of Indian Industry.

On its part, GBC represents an instrumental platform to rely on, in representing the voice of enterprise within the G20 process and other major international fora. GBC enables its members to become part of a network that triggers the development of one-to-one relations, enables synergies and cooperation among major business organizations.

By hosting this plenary meeting, CII renews its commitment towards playing an active role within GBC and pursuing its active contribution to the main international fora and cooperation frameworks.

CII is already gearing towards the preparations of the 2022 G20 India Presidency and will be a key contributor.

We are delighted to host this Plenary meeting of the Global Business Coalition.

Rakesh Bharti Mittal
President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
Year after year, the Global Business Coalition (GBC) has gathered the most representative business federations from G20 countries in order to build a common message that strives for growth and development.

Thus, the GBC has provided with a significant power that we should take responsibility on, especially given the current international context. Today, more than ever, raising consensus should be the main objective to shape a world that calls for cooperation, common rules and unity.

The Coalition works as an instrumental platform that strengthens the cooperation among major business organizations to commit to economic growth, free market economy, fair trade and investment, and the rule of law. It provides us with a strategic network to debate on how to tackle the main obstacles that our world is currently going through. It makes the business voice at the G20/B20 cycles louder, and the results of our work are tangible.

The GBC has the opportunity and responsibility of building on the work and experience already developed for instance, during the B20 cycles. It will step up to boost commitments to a multilateral trading system that is open, non-discriminatory, and rules-based.

The last G20 Summit demonstrated that there is a will to cooperate and to come down to common solutions. It became clear that, if it is properly reshaped, it is not only necessary, but possible benefit from the current trading system.

In order to move on from commitments to actual implementation, focus is essential. We need to take the roadblocks that stand in the way to multilateral order and continue advocating for change. Eliminating State-Related Competitive Distortions; Introducing Structural Reforms to the WTO; Adapting Rules to the Digital Age and Removing Food Trade Barriers are crucial topics that call for a follow up and advocacy, especially at international forums and high-level instances of public-private dialogue.

In terms of employment, it also came quite clear that we need to better integrate the world of work and the world of education. Although employability has always been a key topic agenda for every country, we are now at a time where the employability of the future is not ensured with the current educational system and curricula. Thus, we need to immediately act on skills development and on lifelong learning. For instance, guaranteeing quality education for all, not only on digital skills, but also on foundational skills and on STEAM subjects.

In addition, we need to promote formal, open, dynamic and inclusive labour markets, adapting social protection
systems to cover the new forms of work, or non-standard
forms of employment, rolling back on informality and
taking care of the most vulnerable groups of our society.
Finally, in order to strengthen economic activity and so,
promoting growth, we must raise business productivity
through technology adoption among countries. G20
Leaders committed last November to harness technology
to strengthen growth and productivity. We should continue
to insist on the implementation of such commitments;
promoting national programs that boost Industry 4.0,
especially in those developing countries were these
technologies have not become widespread; reinforcing
R&D investment; fostering the creation of Industry
4.0 ecosystems that boost micro, small and medium
enterprises and entrepreneurs’ access and employment of
these new technologies.

Reaching global connectivity is of course a must in order
to enable a digital environment that has a positive impact
on welfare within societies. Moreover, we need to address
certain unresolved constraints of digitalization. For
example, supporting consumer privacy and data protection
while, at the same time, enabling free flow of information.
But all of these won’t be achieved if we don’t foster a
culture of integrity in our societies, with education and with
sound rule of law. Also, by strengthening and developing
new private and public standards and recommendations
to prevent any possible instance of corruption particularly
related to infrastructure projects as well as those related to
state owned enterprises.

The GBC is ready, is active, is willing to continue its work to
build a fair inclusive and sustainable development.
Dear participants of the GBC Annual Plenary,

In an increasingly uncertain world, global cooperation is more important than ever. We cannot tackle the challenges in international politics and economy alone or in isolation. We live in a globalized, interconnected world and I firmly believe that only in cooperation we can find solutions to global challenges, positively influence the global agenda, and promote change and innovation. The Global Business Coalition proves that businesses are ready to play their part in achieving strong global cooperation.

After more than two years, BDI will hand over the GBC presidency at the Annual Plenary Meeting 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the GBC members for entrusting me with the presidency of the GBC. The BDI had the honour to hold the GBC presidency since 2016, and it has been an invaluable experience.

Over the past two years, we have strived to position the GBC as a key player on global governance. We have extended our membership beyond the G20 countries. Today the GBC comprises of sixteen independent business associations that advocate for more than 21 million small, medium and large enterprises. We have engaged in close partnerships with the G20 and G7, as well as a myriad of other key players of global governance. Moreover, we have remained a critical advocate for free and rules-based trade, the multilateral trading system, digital transformation and a resource-efficient, sustainable economy.

I would like to congratulate Miguel Acevedo, President of Union Industrial Argentina, on assuming the GBC Presidency. I am assured that the Global Business Coalition will strongly benefit from Miguel’s work and experience, and that Miguel will encourage and deepen our cooperation.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our hosts and friends from the Confederation of Indian Industries. You have put together a remarkable programme with impressive speakers. I am looking forward to two exciting days of innovative discussions!
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Co-Chair: Michel Guilbaud, Director General, French Business Federation (MEDEF)
Keynote: Amitabh Kant, CEO, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
Q&A

09:25 - 10:20
Session-1: Industry 4.0
Co-Chair: Sunil Mathur, Chairman, CII Smart Manufacturing Council & CEO & MD, Siemens India
Co-Chair: Giulio Pedrollo, CEO Pedrollo Group & Vice President Industrial Policy, Confederation of Italian Industry (Confindustria)
Speaker: Dilip Sawhney, Managing Director, Rockwell Automation India Pvt. Ltd
Speaker: Georg Graf, CEO Freudenberg Regional Corporate Center India & Freudenberg Regional Representative India
Speaker: Jose Augusto Fernandes, Director Policy and Strategy, National Confederation of Industry Brazil (CNI)
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10:20 - 10:30 Break

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Session-2: Research and Innovation
Co-Chair: Dr. Arabinda Mitra, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
Co-Chair: Thomas Fuhrmann, Managing Director, TÜV Rheinland India
Speaker: BVR Mohan Reddy, Co-Chairman, CII Education Council and Founder and Executive Chairman, Cyient Ltd
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*Chair: Bernhard Steinrücke*, Director General, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce

*Speaker: Vandana Bhatnagar*, Chief Programme Officer, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

*Speaker: Arjun Uppal*, Vice President Corporate Affairs, DCM Shriram Ltd

*Speaker: Vivek Vasishtha*, Executive Director and Country Leader, Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM India

*Speaker: Larry Stone*, Chairman, British Telecom India

*Speaker: Annu Wadhwa*, CEO, Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council (B&WSSC)

**Q&A**

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*Moderation: Chandrajit Banerjee*, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

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**CII-GBC High-level Dialogue on Digitalisation** (Lunch)

*Chair: Innes Willox*, CEO, Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)

*Keynote: Kiran Karnik*, Chairman, CII National Committee on Telecom & Broadband and Mission on Digital India

*Speaker: Dr. Bahadir Kaleağası*, CEO, Turkish Industry and Business Association (TUSIAD)

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CII-GBC High-Level Dialogue on Trade with Government of India
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Keynote: Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary-Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
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CII-GBC High Level Dialogue on Investment with Government of India
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Speaker: Rakesh Bharti Mittal, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & Vice Chairman, Bharti Enterprises
Speaker: Markus Beyrer, Director General and CEO, BusinessEurope (BE)
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Co-Chair: Innes Willox, CEO, Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)

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GBC Members and Representatives
The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) is a peak industry association in Australia which along with its affiliates represents the interests of more than 60,000 businesses in an expanding range of sectors including: manufacturing; engineering; construction; automotive; food; transport; information technology; telecommunications; call centres; labour hire; printing; defence; mining equipment and supplies; airlines; and other industries. The businesses which we represent employ more than 1 million people.

We are an organisation committed to helping Australian industry with a focus on building competitive and sustainable industries through global integration, skills development, productive and flexible workplace relations, infrastructure development and innovation. Our legitimacy comes also from our role in and connection with the broader community.

Our organisation provides practical information, advice and assistance to help members run their businesses more effectively. It ensures through policy leadership that members have a voice at all levels of government, by representing and promoting their interests on current and emerging issues.

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His current appointments include:
- Director of Australian Super
- Director of the Innovative Manufacturing Co-operative Research Centre
- Board Member of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue
- Convenor of the Industry 4.0 Advanced Manufacturing Forum
- Chair of the Migration Council of Australia
- Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Skilled Migration
- Chair of the RMIT College of Business Industry Advisory Board

Innes served as the Australian Consul General to Los Angeles from 2006 to 2008, where he represented wide-ranging Australian interests on the west coast of the United States, including in the areas of trade, finance, culture, biotechnology, environment and energy sectors.

He was Chief of Staff to the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, from 2004 to 2006.

Earlier, Innes held a number of private sector and government positions including Manager of Global Public Affairs for Singapore Airlines based in Singapore (2000-04).

Innes began his working career as a journalist. His positions included Chief of Staff at The Age newspaper in Melbourne and Chief Political Correspondent for The Age in the Canberra Parliamentary Press Gallery.

Innes was educated at Melbourne High School; Monash University (BA History and Politics); and Edinburgh Business School. He is on the Board of Windermere – Victoria’s oldest family and child services agency. He is based in Melbourne and is a lifetime supporter of the Collingwood Football Club.
Ai Group: Australian Industry Group

Louise McGrath has a broad range of experiences in international relations and is responsible for international engagement at the Australian Industry Group.

Prior to joining The Australian Industry Group in 2000, Louise worked in wholesale foreign exchange and insurance.

Since joining Ai Group, she has managed a number of trade related projects including trade missions, both incoming and outgoing, business matching and the development and delivery of export related training programs.

She has had extensive experience in providing advice to manufacturing companies on export related planning and international marketing, government support programs and other trade related issues.

She represents Australian industry in several multilateral forums, such as the Global Business Coalition and the B20 Taskforce on Digital Trade and various Free Trade Agreement Industry working groups, including the East Asia Business Council RCEP working group.

She advocates for the interests of Ai Group members during Free Trade Negotiations and translates those agreements to support the strategic aims of members.

Louise has studied a Bachelor of Arts (Arabic Language and Culture) at Deakin University and an Advanced Diploma in International Trade at RMIT. She has also studied Arabic at universities in Jordan and Egypt.
BDI: Federation of German Industries

Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI) – Federation of German Industries “The Voice of German Industry”

The BDI is the umbrella organisation of German industries and industry-related services. It speaks for 36 trade associations and more than 100,000 enterprises with around 8 million employees. Membership is voluntary. 15 organisations in the federal states represent the interests of industry at the regional level. Furthermore, the BDI has offices in Beijing, Brussels, Tokyo and Washington, D.C.

The BDI has the task of protecting and promoting all the joint concerns of the industries it represents. It enters into political discourse at an early stage. It raises issues, compiles differentiated views, creates a balance of interests in the alliance with its member associations and thus offers policy-makers industry positions that are coordinated and representative.

The BDI offers information and economic policy consultations on all issues relevant for industry, thus granting support for enterprises engaged in global competition. The BDI has a wide-ranging network in Germany and Europe, on all important markets and international organisations. It helps to provide political accompaniment in questions of the opening of markets internationally. And it deals with issues that conceptually cannot be handled by individual enterprises, ranging from municipal finances to corporate governance, from TTIP to European integration and WTO-negotiations.

The BDI has a reputation as a centre of competence for economic policy in Federal Germany. It has a unique combination of expert knowledge. This knowledge is pooled by volunteers from the business world, committed enterprises, member associations and regional as well as international representations. This grants the BDI legitimacy as a policy advisor with a practical orientation.

The BDI measures the success of its work by the degree to which its positions are implemented in political reality. It maintains contact with heads of government and EU commissioners, with political parties, parliaments and ministers, with academics and diplomats. The credibility of the BDI is founded on non-partisan, objective and scientifically found arguments.
Dieter Kempf was born in Munich in 1953.

After studying business administration from 1973 to 1978 in Munich, he worked at Arthur & Young (now Ernst & Young) from 1978 to 1991, becoming a partner in 1989.

He then joined Datev in Nuremberg in 1991 as a Board Member, responsible for product and software development. From 1992 onwards, he served as Deputy Chairman of the Board. In 1996, he became Chairman, a position he held until March 2016. During Kempf’s time at Datev, the company grew to one of Europe’s largest IT service providers.

From 2011 to 2015, Kempf served as President of BDI’s member association Bitkom (Federal Association for Information Technology, Telecommunications and New Media). During this time, he was also Vice President of the BDI.

Dieter Kempf was unanimously elected President of BDI as of January 2017.

In addition, Kempf serves on various supervisory boards and advisory boards. He was made honorary professor of Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nürnberg in 2005.
In January 2014, Dr. Stormy-Annika Mildner (M.Sc.) became head of the department “External Economic Policy” at the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI), Federation of German Industries. Until December 2013, she was a member of the Executive Board of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), a policy-oriented think-tank based in Berlin. Her fields of interest include international trade and finance as well as commodity markets.

Before joining the SWP, she worked for the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), where she headed the program “Globalisation and the World Economy” (2000-2002).

From 2005 to 2006, Ms. Mildner was a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy Institute of the Free University of Berlin. In spring 2010, she was a visiting fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies in Washington, where she is still a non-resident Senior Fellow. In fall 2011 she was a visiting fellow at the German Marshall Fund’s Transatlantic Academy in Washington.

Ms. Mildner conducted her Bachelor studies in economics and North American studies at the Free University of Berlin and earned a Master of Science in international political economy from the London School of Economics (2000). She wrote her PhD thesis at the Free University of Berlin on the economic and political rationale of export credit finance in the United States. During her PhD studies, she attended the Yale Centre for International and Area Studies (YCiAS) of Yale University (2002-2003).
BE: BusinessEurope

BusinessEurope is the leading advocate for growth and competitiveness at European level, standing up for companies across the continent and campaigning on the issues that most influence their performance. A recognised social partner, we speak for all-sized enterprises in 35 European countries whose national business federations are our direct members.

Priorities: growing out of the crisis – 5 steps to restore confidence

BusinessEurope and all its members urge to take all the necessary decisions without further delay to restore confidence and put Europe back on track. In its five-point plan ‘Growing out of the crisis’ BusinessEurope presents concrete measures to:

- Safeguard the euro: All possible means must be used to safeguard the euro.
- Improve public finances and speed up structural reforms: Only when businesses and households are sure that governments have fully committed to putting their public finances on a sustainable path, will they have the confidence to invest, recruit workers and increase consumption. Promote private investment: Europe needs a stronger investment and competitiveness agenda to build private sector trust and confidence.
- Unleash the single market: The single market adds EUR 600 a year to our economy. Since 1992 it has helped create almost 3 million new jobs across the EU, and benefited the broader European Economic Area.
- Expand EU external trade: With almost 30 million EU jobs (more than 10% of the EU workforce) dependent upon export markets outside the EU, Europe needs to build a strong presence in expanding global markets. This strategy will allow Europe to double its long-term annual growth rate from 1.25% to 2.5%.
Pierre Gattaz became President of BusinessEurope on 5 July 2018. Until then, he held the Presidency of BusinessEurope’s French member federation MEDEF. A graduate of Telecom Bretagne (l’Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Bretagne) and holder of a Certificate in Administrative Management from the George Washington University (USA), he was a project engineer and export project manager at Dassault Electronics from 1984 to 1989.

From 1989 to 1992, he was Managing Director at Fontaine Electronics, then Convergie (a subsidiary of the Dynaction Group). Pierre Gattaz became Managing Director at Radiall in December 1992 and has been the Chairman of the Board since January 1994.

He was President of GIXEL (Professional Association for Electronic Components Systems, Digital Identity Industries) from 1999 to 2003, and then President and founder of the FIEN (Digital and Electronic Industries) from 2002 to 2007, before being elected President of the FIEEC (Federation of Electrical, Electronic and Communication Industries – 30 industrial unions) in 2007, when he also joined the Executive Committee of MEDEF (Movement of French Enterprises). From June 2010 to July 2013, he was also President of the GFI (Group of Industrial Federations – 17 industrial federations representing 80% of French industry) and a founding member of La Fabrique (the Industry’s Think Tank).

Pierre Gattaz is Knight of the French Legion of Honour and Officer of the Order of Merit.
Luisa Santos is Director for International Relations at BusinessEurope and Chair of BusinessEurope’s Brexit Task Force.

She was a member of the TTIP Advisory Group and is now a member of the Expert Group on EU trade agreements.

Her principal experience is in the textiles sector, having acted first as the chief representative for the Portuguese textile industry in Brussels, later as Trade and Industry Manager for Euratex- European Apparel and Textile Confederation.

She was also the manager responsible for international partnerships – including a joint venture in India – for a leading Portuguese textiles company.

Her academic background is in law and management.
The CBI is the UK’s premier business lobbying organisation, providing a voice for employers at a national and international level. Across the UK, the CBI speaks on behalf of 190,000 businesses of all sizes and sectors which together employ nearly 7 million people, about one third of the private sector-employed workforce. With offices in the UK as well as representation in Brussels, Washington, Beijing and Delhi, the CBI communicates the British business voice around the world.

The CBI provides a voice for business people and their businesses on a national and international level. We speak for companies of every size, including many in the FTSE 100 and FTSE 350, mid-caps, SMEs, micro businesses, private and family owned businesses, start-ups, and trade associations and in every sector, including agriculture, automotive, aerospace and defence, construction, creative and communications, financial services, IT and e-business, management consultancy, manufacturing, professional services, retail, transport, tourism and utilities. Our mission is to promote the conditions in which businesses of all sizes and sectors in the UK can compete and prosper for the benefit of all.
Previously, amongst other senior roles, he was non-executive director at Worldpay where he was formerly Chairman. He was Chairman of Dixons Retail and later Co-Deputy Chairman and Senior Independent Director of the enlarged Dixons Carphone. He was Chief Financial Officer and a Board Member of Deutsche Post DHL, and Chief Executive of Exel, the supply chain logistics company. He was also previously Chairman of Care UK Health & Social Care and a non-executive director of the Home Office Supervisory Board. He has been a non-executive director at: Royal Mail, PHS Group, National Grid, Wolseley, Hamleys, 3i and Connell.

His early career was spent with Lever Brothers, Bristol-Myers Company and Fine Fare. John is a graduate and now a Regent of the University of Edinburgh.
Sean McGuire, in his role at the CBI, is responsible for all CBI’s EU affairs and lobbying activities vis-à-vis the European institutions on key issues of interest for the CBI membership such as environmental policy, employment and social affairs, e-commerce, telecommunications, financial services, consumer policy and transport policy.

He is also responsible for the CBI’s work on international trade and investment, including business links with the G7 and G20.

As CBI Brussels Director, he runs an in-house consultancy, the British Business Bureau (BBB), for UK trade associations as well as the CBI’s Business House in Brussels which houses ten CBI member companies and organisations.

Sean has been with the CBI since 2001 during which time he held a number of positions within the CBI.

Prior to joining the CBI, Sean was European Affairs Adviser for the Engineering Employers’ Federation (EEF) in the UK.
Since 1925, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has connected businesses of all sizes, from all sectors and from all regions of the country to advocate for public policies that will foster a strong, competitive economic environment that benefits businesses, communities and families across Canada. With a network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 200,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions, it is the largest business association in Canada.
Hon. Perrin Beatty

President and CEO and former President GBC

The Honourable Perrin Beatty is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining the Canadian Chamber in August 2007, Perrin was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME).

A descendant of one of Canada’s most prominent manufacturing families, Perrin grew up in Fergus, Ontario and graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1971. Perrin was first elected to the House of Commons as a Progressive Conservative in 1972. During his 21 years in Parliament, he served as Minister in seven different portfolios, including Treasury Board, National Revenue, Solicitor General, Defence, National Health and Welfare, Communications and External Affairs. In 1994, Perrin joined a number of private sector boards and worked as a consultant in the field of communications.

He was an Honorary Visiting Professor with the Department of Political Science, University of Western Ontario. From 1995 to 1999, Perrin was President and CEO of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. In 2008, Perrin was named Chancellor of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. In 2013, he received an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa from Western University. In 2016, Perrin received an honorary degree, honoris causa from University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

Perrin is also a member of the board of directors of Mitsui Canada.
Mark Agnew

Senior Director, International Policy; GBC Sherpa

Mark Agnew is the Director of International Policy at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and the Executive Director of the Canadian Services Coalition.

He is responsible for managing the Chamber’s international work, including on trade policy, B7/B20 as well as Business at OECD. Prior to starting at the Canadian Chamber, he worked for the UK government on trade and economic policy issues at the British High Commission in Ottawa for seven years. In that role he was responsible for leading UK work in Canada pertaining to Brexit, the EU-Canada CETA. He has also worked for the Canadian government in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as well as at Parliament.

Mark attended Carleton University, where he specialised in international trade policy during his graduate studies.
The Confederation of Employers and Industries of Spain, CEOE, founded in 1977, is the organisation which represents and defends the interests of the Spanish employers.

CEOE is the most representative business organisation in Spain being the economic and social partner to the Government, the Public Administrations, the trade unions, the political parties and third institutions at National, European and International levels.

It voluntarily groups together almost 2 million companies and self-employed entrepreneurs of all sizes and from all sectors of activity, through base associations networked within 240 sectoral and territorial organisations.

CEOE is ruled by independent and democratic governing bodies which determine the strands of action of the Confederation: the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
Antonio Garamendi

-President

Entrepreneur born in Getxo (Biscay) on February 8, 1958. He holds a Law Degree from Deusto University. From a young age he was focused on the business world on a triple front: the family business, projects started by himself and having a presence at the Boards of Directors and Advisory Councils of large companies.

In the past he has served as general delegate of LA EQUITATIVA S.A. in Biscay, CEO of BANKOA S.A, insurance brokerage, Chairman of HANDYMAN S.L, Chairman of GRUPO NEGOCIOS DE EDICIONES Y PUBLICACIONES S.A. (group who owns newspaper La Gaceta de los Negocios, Intereconomía Radio and Magazine Dinero), Director at BABCOCK & WILCOX ESPAÑOLA S.A., Director at ALBURA S.A., Director at RED ELÉCTRICA DE ESPAÑA S.A. Chairman of the Committee on Corporate Governance and CSR, Director at TUBOS REUNIDOS S.A., Vice-Chairman of ENTEL IBÁI S.A and member of the Advisory Boards at ALTA GESTIÓN S.A., SODEXHO S.A. and SODEXHO PASS S.A. Today, his private business activity is focused on the metal, construction, real estate, insurance and hospitality industries, participating as a shareholder or director in various companies.

He also started at a young age to participate in entrepreneurial organizations, which led him to become Founding President of the Association of Young Entrepreneurs of the Basque Country (AJEBASK), subsequently becoming chairman of the Spanish Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs (CEAJE), and a little later chairman of the Latin American Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs (CIJE), chairman of the Energy Commission at CEOE. He has also been Chairman of CEOE’s Business Creation Commission.

At a territorial level, he’s been a Member of the Board of the Entrepreneurial Confederation of Biscay (CEBEK). At present, Antonio Garamendi holds the following positions: Vice-Chairman of CEOE, Chairman of CEPYME and CONFEMETAL. He is also a member of the FORMETAL Foundation, the Executive Committee for the Metal Industry in Biscay and Biscay’s Chamber of Commerce as well as of the Instituto de Estudios Económicos (Institute of Economic Studies).

Antonio Garamendi has also belonged to the Board of the GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM in Bilbao, he has been a Member of BILBAO METRÓPOLI -30 and Biscay’s Chamber of Property and is President of the AYUDARE FOUNDATION, whose main activity is open drinking water wells in Ethiopia.
Alvaro Schweinfurth is Deputy Director of International Relations of CEOE since 2012. He is in charge of trade and development issues and coordinates the involvement of CEOE in international business organisations like Business at the OECD (BIAC), the International Employer Organisation (IEO) and the Global Business Coalition (GBC). He also plans and implements trade promotional activities aimed at increasing the presence of Spanish business abroad.

He is secretary of the International Relations Commission, which is the main advisory body of CEOE in international relations, since 2015 and represents CEOE in different advisory groups of the Spanish administration, such as the Advisory Group of the Spanish Contact Point (OECD Guidelines) since 2015, the Economic and Social Economic Council of Spain since 2012 and the Council of International Development since 2011. Previously, between 2007 and 2012, he was head of trade and bilateral relations in CEOE.

Before joining CEOE in 2007, he worked as Project Manager in the Spanish Solar company ATERSA (taken over by the US Company ASTROPWER in 2001 and afterwards in 2006 by the Spanish engineering company ELECNOR), since 1997 coordinating rural electrification projects in Central America, Africa and Asia.

He holds a degree in Law (University of Madrid) and a MBA (Instituto de Empresa).
CGEM: General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises

CGEM – the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises, is the first representative of the Moroccan private sector and the leading association of Moroccan businessmen with 90,000 members and affiliates, employing 2.9 million people and contributing up to 55% of Morocco’s GDP through its 33 sectoral federations covering all economic branches. It is represented among 17 cities.

CGEM is also the official partner of government in all areas regarding economic policy, regulations and all that is related to private sector.

23 thematic committees are involved in several reforms and action plans projects, related to economic, social, and legal or tax issues.

In addition to this, CGEM has, since 2015, 8 representatives in the Moroccan Senate, so it can bring the voice of businesses into the parliament.

CGEM is also engaged in a direct bipartite relationship with the main unions of the country with whom it has a social pact allowing to act within a framework of social responsibility and sustainable competitiveness.
CGEM: General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises

Salaheddine MEZOUAR is former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Trade and Industry
Graduate of ISCAE and holder of a DEA in economics at the University of Social Sciences of Grenoble, Mr. Salaheddine MEZOUAR, after a solid experience in the public and private sector in Morocco and Tunisia, joined the Spanish group TAVEX where he held the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Salaheddine MEZOUAR also chaired the Moroccan Association of Textile and Clothing Industries for two years, as well as the Federation of Textile and Leather in the CGEM.

On the occasion of these mandates and having conceived the new strategy of repositioning of the sector, he was appointed by His Majesty the King, Minister of Industry, Trade and the upgrade of the Economy in 2004. In 2007, he was appointed Minister of Economy and Finance by His Majesty the King in the government of Abbas El Fassi, Mr. Salaheddine MEZOUAR had to manage the effects of the global financial crisis on the economy and the business in Morocco.

During his mandate, Mr. Salaheddine MEZOUAR adopted strong measures, including the most important decrease in the corporate income tax rate and the widening of the income tax base as well as other measures necessary to adapt the Moroccan economy to global competitiveness in various sectors.

Then, in 2013, he was appointed by His Majesty the King, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation to implement His Majesty’s vision of diversifying economic partnerships, particularly with the African continent.

Mr. Salaheddine MEZOUAR was also appointed by His Majesty the King, President of the Organizing Committee of COP 22. He is currently co-manager of CTC Morocco, ADB Senior Advisor, Senior Advisor of Africa 50 Fund and partner of two groups for the realization of industrial units.
Mrs Nabila Freidji is a Moroccan entrepreneur and a philanthropist.

For the past four years, she has been an active member of the Board at the leading Moroccan business network, CGEM, and the chair of the international cooperation committee.

Nabila is the co-founder of MediaRep and actively chairs Afripub and FredFisheries. In addition to that, Nabila was engaged in various think tank groups and international organisations related to strategic, economic and gender issues related to the Middle East and North Africa.

She is also very active in numerous non-profit organisations dealing with entrepreneurship, youth employment and education in Morocco.
CII: Confederation of Indian Industry

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII engages closely with Government on policy issues and interfaces with thought leaders to enhance efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a wide portfolio of specialised services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues. Extending its agenda beyond business, CII facilitates corporate initiatives for integrated and inclusive development across diverse domains.

As a developmental institution working towards India’s overall growth with a special focus on India@75 in 2022, the CII theme for 2018-19, India RISE: Responsible. Inclusive. Sustainable. Entrepreneurial emphasises Industry’s role in partnering Government to accelerate India’s growth and development. The focus will be on key enablers such as job creation; skill development; financing growth; promoting next gen manufacturing; sustainability; corporate social responsibility and governance and transparency.

Founded in 1895, India’s premier business association around 9000 members, from the private as well as public sectors, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from around 265 national and regional sectoral industry bodies. With 65 offices, including 9 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 10 overseas offices in Australia, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Singapore, South Africa, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 355 counterpart organisations in 126 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.
Rakesh Bharti Mittal is Vice-Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, one of India’s leading business groups with interests in telecom, agri-food business, financial services and realty. Rakesh serves as Chairman-Bharti AXA Life Insurance, Bharti AXA General Insurance and FieldFresh Foods. Rakesh is also on the Board of Bharti Airtel and is Managing Director -Bharti Realty Holdings. Bharti has joint ventures with several global leaders: Singtel, AXA, Del Monte, SoftBank and Brightstar.

Rakesh is the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2018-19.

A passionate advocate of right to good education and philanthropy, Rakesh is the Co-Chairman of Bharti Foundation with leading initiatives in education and sanitation. Bharti Foundation provides free education and reaches out to over 2,50,000 children across 13 States.

Rakesh serves on Boards of several educational institutions, Chairman -Advisory Council of Bharti Institute of Public Policy at ISB Mohali, Co-Chairman-Advisory Board of Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology & Management, IIT Delhi and Member of the Court, Bennett University. Rakesh is also a member of the Governing Board of Dayanand Medical College & Hospital, Ludhiana.

Rakesh has been awarded the Honorary Doctor of Civil Law Degree by Newcastle University, UK and is the recipient of the prestigious Horasis – India Business Leader of the Year 2016 (Internalization) and LMA – Entrepreneur of the Year Award 1992.

Rakesh is also the Honorary Consul, Republic of Sierra Leone in India.

Bharti Enterprises

Bharti Enterprises is one of India’s leading business groups with interests in telecom, financial services, realty and food and agri business. Bharti Airtel, the group’s flagship company, is one of the world’s largest global telecommunications company by customer base with over 403 million customers across South Asia and Africa.

Bharti has joint ventures with several global leaders: Singtel, AXA, Del Monte, SoftBank and Brightstar.

Bharti Foundation, the group’s philanthropic arm operates 254 Satya Bharti Schools as well as supports over 600 Government schools under Quality Support Program to ensure holistic education for over 2,50,000 under-privileged children across rural India across 13 States.
Chandrajit Banerjee is the Director General of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Mr. Banerjee has been with the CII for about 3 decades and has been the Director General, CII since May 2008.

Mr. Banerjee is a Post-Graduate (MS) in Economics with specialisation on Economics of Planning and Econometrics from the University of Calcutta. Earlier, he did his Graduation from St. Xavier’s College (Calcutta) in Economics (Hons).

As Director General, he is responsible for overall operations of CII.

Prior to his appointment as Director General, he held several senior positions in CII. Earlier he has served as Head of CII’s regional operations in the Northern, Southern and Western Regions. He was also in Bangalore to initiate the Centre of Excellence of the Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers’ Association, which is a state-of-the-art centre for training, conventions and trade fairs.

He is an advisory Board Member of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council and Member of Board of the Global Innovation and Technology Alliance. He is a Director in the Singapore India Partnership Foundation, the Managing Trustee of the National Foundation for Corporate Governance and a Director at the Invest India.

Mr. Banerjee has been honoured with the China-India Friendship Award by the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao for his contributions towards the development of bilateral ties between India and China. He has also been conferred with the decoration of Knight Commander of the Order of Queen Isabella by His Majesty the King of Spain in recognition of his meritorious achievements and exceptional contributions towards promoting relations between India and Spain.

He is also the Secretariat for several bilateral CEOs Forums constituted by the Government of India.
The Brazilian National Confederation of Industry (CNI) is the largest and highest-level representation of industry in Brazil with a mission to promote a favourable business environment, enhance competitiveness and promote sustainable development. CNI represents 27 state federations of industry, over 700,000 manufacturing companies and 2,000 sectorial associations, encompassing issues such as economic policy, infrastructure, environment, SME development, labour relations, and international negotiations.

CNI develops an active process of dialogue and influence with the National Congress and the Executive. With the Judiciary, the organisation has the power to propose measures to ensure that laws are empowered by the Constitution in any respect that affects the industry’s interest.

CNI also operates a vast high quality network of professional qualification, education, management training and promotion of entrepreneurship through three entities it overseas: the National Industrial Training Service (SENAI), the Industrial Social Service (SESI) and the Euvaldo Lodi Institute (IEL).
Robson Braga De Andrade
President

Elected President of CNI in 2010, Robson Braga de Andrade is also the President of Orteng Group.

Robson Braga de Andrade has held the Presidency of CNI since 2010. A graduate in Mechanical Engineering, Andrade is President of the Orteng Group, a Brazilian group of companies specialized in turnkey solutions and services in electrical and electro-mechanical equipment, energy and automation systems. Mr. Andrade is also former President of Minas Gerais State Federation of Industry and has followed an executive training course at INSEAD, France.
Jose Augusto Fernandes is an economist and holds a master’s degree in Economics from the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.

Besides his roles at CNI, he is former President of the Foreign Trade Studies Centre Foundation – FUNCEX and former Vice President of the Brazilian Foreign Trade Association – AEB.

He is Director of ICC Brazil and a council member of the Brazilian Stock Market Institute - IBMEC, of the National Institute for Advanced Studies - INAE, and of CINDES, Centre for Integration and Development Studies.

He is also a member of the Global Agenda Council of Latin America of the World Economic Forum. His main areas of interest are competitiveness, industrial policy and Brazil's internationalisation.
Confindustria is the main association representing manufacturing and service companies in Italy, with a voluntary membership of more than 150,000 companies of all sizes, employing a total of 5,440,125 people. The association’s activities are aimed at guaranteeing the central importance of companies, the drivers of Italy’s economic, social and civil development. By representing companies and their values at institutions of all levels, Confindustria contributes to social well-being and progress, and from this standpoint guarantees increasingly diversified, efficient and modern services. Confindustria’s added value stems from its network: a headquarters in Rome, 220 local and trade associations and since 1958 a delegation in Brussels, which has seen its strategic importance grow over the years and is now a benchmark for the entire Italian economic system at the European Union. 184 people work at the Rome headquarters and 13 at the Brussels delegation and have an average age of 42.
Vincenzo Boccia, was elected the 30th President of Confindustria on May 25, 2016 and will be in office for four years, till 2020. He succeeds Giorgio Squinzi.

Born in 1964, in Salerno, Italy, Boccia has a degree in Economics from the University of Salerno and is the CEO of the Salerno-based Arti Grafiche Boccia Spa, a family business that has been operating in the graphics industry for over 50 years.

Since the early 1990s, Vincenzo Boccia was a member of Confindustria’s Young Entrepreneurs Group and in 2000 he took up the post of Deputy National Chairman. He was President of Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo and member of the Board and of the Governing Council of Assografici.

From 2009 to 2013, he was President of Confindustria’s Piccola Industria and throughout the Presidency of Giorgio Squinzi, he led the Technical Committee on Credit and Finance.
Marco Felisati was born in 1965. Married with two daughters. He is Deputy Director Internationalisation and trade policy at Confindustria. He has dealt with trade related-issues for 25 years, including as manager at the Confindustria permanent representation in Brussels and at the DG External Relations of the EU Commission. He is B7 and B20 Sherpa, member of the International Relation Committee of BusinessEurope, of the Consultative Commission for Industrial Mutation – CCMI at the European Economic and Social Committee – EESC.

He graduated in Political Sciences at the Bologna University. He was visiting Student at the MA in Banking & Finance at the Bangor University, New Wales, UK. He obtained post-graduate Diploma in Banking Disciplines at the Siena University, Italy, Certificate in European Affairs at ISTUD, Rome, Italy, Certificate in International Careers at SIOI, Rome, Italy.
The Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI) is one of the country’s largest employers’ associations, with 20 industrial chambers as members, representing over 60,000 industrial enterprises out of which more than 90% belong to the private sector; accounting for more than 7 million workers and 20% of the national economy.

Since its inception FEI has been carrying out its responsibilities towards defending and supporting Egyptian industries, firmly believing in industry as the pillar of the sustainable development of the country and as the tool to alleviate poverty and attain prosperity.

Therefore, FEI effectively advocates the common interests of its members and defends their positions towards governmental and legislative bodies, as well as other local and international associations.
Eng. Mohamed El Swedy is Chairman of the Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI) from 2013 until now.

Deputy Chairman of the Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI) 2010-2013.


Member of the Egyptian Parliament, 2016 until now.

Member of High Council of Investment.

Board Member of Ayady co for Investment and Development.

Board Member of Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency (EGYPTERA).

Board Member of Gas Regulatory Authority.

Graduated in 1987 from Cairo University, Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Power.
In August 2018, Shaimaa Bahaa El Din joined the Federation of Egyptian Industries (FEI) as the Director of International Affairs & Development Partners' Relations.

Before joining FEI, Shaimaa was the Head of the Policies & Strategies Unit, TVET Governance, Egypt/ EU (2016- 2018). She was supervising several files, such as: developing a national TVET strategy & law, developing a financial & expenditure system for TVET in Egypt, and Enhancing the social perception of TVET in Egypt.

From 2010 to 2016, she was the Executive Director of “the Enterprise TVET Partnership- ETP” of the Woodworking & Furniture Sector, where she headed the implementation of different projects related to Enterprises & workforce development.

From 2006 to 2010, Shaimaa was the Business Development Manager at the Chamber of Food Industries, where she developed many partnership agreements with national, regional and international bodies.

She conducted consultancy assignments with the international Labour Organization (ILO) and GIZ.

Mrs. Bahaa El Din has studies Spanish literature, she obtained her master’s degree in Social Sciences (Corporate Social Responsibility) in 2014, and now she is finalizing her PhD thesis in Social Sciences at Ain Shams University, Cairo.
The Federation of Korean Industries is a non-governmental organisation consisted of Korea’s major conglomerates and associated members. As an economic association established by private business sector’s voluntary basis, FKI is differentiated from other economic associations. The organisation was found in 1961 with the objective of promoting sound economic policies and internationalising the economy to further enhance the free market economic system and development of the nation. Specifically, FKI suggests direction of Korean economy’s growth strategy, contributes to regulation reform, and established diplomatic relations at private level through multilateral and international organisations. Per objective of the organisation, FKI is dedicated to improving the welfare of the Korean economy.
Mr. Chang-soo Huh was elected to the Chairmanship of FKI in 2011, and is also Chairman of GS Holdings Corp.

Mr. Chang-soo Huh is the 33rd Chairman of the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI), having taken up the position in February 2011.

He is also Chairman of GS Holdings Corp. which specializes in energy, distribution, and construction. GS Holdings operates subsidiaries and affiliates such as GS Caltex Oil, GS Power, GS Retail, GS Shop, GS EPS, GS Global, and GS Engineering & Construction. Mr. Huh assumed his current position and responsibilities as Chairman of GS as of July 2004. He has also been serving as Chairman of GS Engineering & Construction Since 2002.

Mr. Huh received his degree in Business Administration from Korea University in 1972. He also graduated from the Department of Business Administration at Saint Louis Graduate School in 1977 and earned an honorary doctorate degree of law at Saint Louis University in 2007.
Chi-sung EOM was born on: JUN 6, 1966

EDUCATION
2003. 1 MBA, Graduate School of Management, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Seoul, Korea
1990. 2 B.A. in Business Administration, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
2012. 1 Deputy Secretary General & Head of International Affairs Division, Federation of Korean Industries (FKI)
2011. 1 Deputy Secretary General & Head of Social Affairs Division, FKI
2009. 1 Head of Social Affairs Division, FKI
2008. 7 Chief of Korean Government Foundation 60th Anniversary Task Force, FKI
2007. 5 Team Lead of Asia Team, International Affairs Division, FKI
2007. 1 Senior Manager, Planning Division, FKI
2006. 1 Deputy Senior Manager, Planning Division, FKI
2005. 1 Deputy Senior Manager, APEC Task Force, International Affairs Division, FKI
2004. 1 Deputy Senior Manager, International Affairs Division, FKI
2003. 1 Manager, America Team, International Affairs Division, FKI
2000. 3 Manager, Multilateral Cooperation Team, International Affairs Division, FKI
1998. 1 Deputy Manager, Regional Policy Team, International Affairs Division, FKI
1996. 3 Deputy Manager, International Affairs Division, FKI
1993. 10 Assistant Manager, International Affairs Division, FKI
1990. 10 Researcher, International Affairs Division, FKI

AWARDS
2006 Awarded a Commendation of Commercial and Industrial Entrepreneurs’ Day by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy
1993 Awarded a Commendation by Governor of Bank of Korea
Levelling the competitiveness of France

After the global return to growth in 2010, the necessity to level the competitiveness of France, to bet on new sources of progress, focalise our collective decisions to the requisite of global competitiveness, but also work towards an objective to promote equality of chance in each business, between France and the European countries as well as from Europe to the rest of the world, but also the requirement of respect between humans at the heart of our actions; those are the strategic pillars of the MEDEF. That is sustainable competition.

It is in this mindset that we are approaching the goals for this year. The social agenda first and foremost includes the employment of the younger generations through dialogue. Next up will be the preparation for the B20 Summit, which will constitute one of the key moments to make the business contribution heard and understood regarding the current events subjects around the world.

Important fiscal reforms, retirement policy restructuring, promoting ethical practices as a competitive advantage, first-party participation for labour groups from all sectors of industry, ‘SMB Attitude’, our reactions during the crisis of our convictions on matters of sustainable development, the MEDEF works and strives to work towards the businesses, occupying all of the economic and social sector to permit us to cross employment and growth in the years to come.

To take matters further, our participation with the 2012 presidential election will take its shape near the end of the year, and we will push forward the subjects that we as a whole are confronted with, our points of view and our propositions which reflect our full network; our wish is to create a useful platform for our country, our economy and our businesses, all without sacrificing our ambitions and our intended path forward.

The irreplaceable force of creativity in the heart of businesses must endure and encourage us all without fail.
On July 3rd, Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux, a successful French entrepreneur, was elected President of MEDEF, replacing Pierre Gattaz for the next five years.

Already involved in MEDEF's activities, he has been associate Vice-President and Treasurer of MEDEF where he was also in-charge of the Economy including taxation, innovation and digital.

Graduated from ESSEC Business School, he joined the Commandos Marine, the Special Operation Forces of the French Navy. He served in Djibouti and Lebanon.

Mr. Roux de Bézieux, 56 years old, started his career at L’OREAL where he has worked ten years, first as marketing director in England and then as Directorate General in Poland. In 1996, at 34, he created THE PHONE HOUSE, the first store chain entirely dedicated to mobile phones. When he left, the company had opened 2,000 stores and had 10,000 employees.

In 2004, he created OMEA TELECOM and launched BREIZH MOBILE, the first alternative mobile operator. In 2006, he convinced VIRGIN group to invest in the project and launched VIRGIN MOBILE.

In 2014, Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux created NOTUS-TECHNOLOGIES, an investment fund specialized on outdoor and gastronomy.

He has been decorated with the awards of “Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur”, the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, and “Ordre National du Mérite”.

Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux
President

MEDEF: French Business Federation
Christine Lepage is the head of the International Department at MEDEF (Mouvement des Entreprises de France), the French Business Confederation.

Between 2009 and 2016, she managed the network dedicated to support exporting companies and organised the institutional dialogue with business federations at the French customs authorities.

Previously, Christine Lepage was Deputy Director to the International Department of the National Cancer Institute (INCA).

From 2002 to 2004, she was a member of cabinet of the French Minister of Education and Research.

Before joining the public sector, Christine Lepage worked for ten years within investment banks (Banque de Neuflize/ABN AMRO, Crédit Lyonnais, Deutsche Bank) where she advised French and foreign institutional investors on French Equity Capital Market.

She has a Master’s degree in law from the university “Paris 2 Assas” and a Master in finance from ESCP Europe (Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris).
Established in 1971, TUSIAD is the non-governmental representative organisation of the Turkish private sector (industries, finance and services) at the national level. Representing 80% of Turkey’s total foreign trade (excluding energy), 50% of total employment (excluding agriculture and livestock, public and unregistered employment) and 80% of total corporate taxes, TUSIAD plays a significant role in the Turkish economy. Besides being a member of BusinessEurope, TUSIAD acquired a strong voice internationally through its membership to BIAC of the OECD, B20 Coalition, EU Chamber of Commerce in China. Apart from its Ankara office, TUSIAD has a strong international network of 5 representative offices around the world: Brussels, Washington, D.C., Paris, Berlin, and Beijing. TÜSİAD is committed to monitor and promote Turkey’s economic competitiveness, institutional reform process and membership to the European Union.
Simone Kaslowski graduated from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1984, after completing primary education in Istanbul. He began working in the sales department at Organik Kimya, a family business, in 1985. Kaslowski significantly expanded exports of Organik Kimya products and was appointed head of sales in 1993. After actively working on various investment projects for the firm, Kaslowski was appointed CEO and became member of the board of directors in 1995. His leadership was instrumental in the growth and expansion of Organik Kimya.

Organik Kimya operates in 80 countries and has a 250-thousand-ton production capacity in facilities in Kemerburgaz and Tuzla in Istanbul; Rotterdam, Holland; and Lugano, Switzerland.

Simone Kaslowski worked to develop the chemical sector in Turkey and contributed to the Chemport project of the Turkish Chemical Manufacturers Association. Kaslowski was Chairman of the Chemical Industry Task Force of TÜSİAD. He has been on the Board of Directors since 2013 and has chaired the EU Affairs Committee and the Global Relations and EU Roundtable, significantly contributing to the international efforts of the association. Kaslowski has been Vice President of TÜSİAD since 2017 and was elected President in February 2019.

Mr. Simone Kaslowski is married, has three children and speaks Turkish, English, Italian and French.
Hale Hatipoğlu is the Deputy Secretary General in charge of External Relations at the Turkish Industry & Business Association (TÜSİAD). Her working areas are Turkey-EU relations; issues related to the Customs Union; business development strategies with the aim of increasing Turkey’s trade and investment relations; and communication/public relations/public affairs projects to enhance EU citizens’ knowledge of Turkey.

She is the B20 Sherpa of TÜSİAD in the Global Business Coalition, the structure created by independent and voluntary business organisations of G20 countries. Following an agreement between the World Bank Group and TÜSİAD in September 2004, she is also working as the Private Sector Liaison Officer to the World Bank Group in Turkey to facilitate Turkish companies’ access to World Bank Group business opportunities, services and knowledge.

Mrs. Hatipoğlu received her B.A. in International Relations and M.A. in EU Politics from Marmara University in Istanbul and the College of Europe in Belgium respectively.
The Argentine Industrial Association ("UIA" by its acronym in Spanish) is the largest and highest-level representative of manufacturing industry in Argentina. UIA represents more than 115,000 industrial facilities, 55% of all exports, 30% of tax revenues and 25.6% of the country’s gross added value.

For more than 130 years and through a broad territorial and sectoral network, the association has been promoting the development, consolidation and competitiveness of the manufacturing industrial sector as well as providing services to strengthen the capabilities of our partners.

Since 1887, UIA has strived to defend national manufacturing industry, encouraging the creation and development of an integrated vertically and horizontally internal solid market.
Mr. Miguel Acevedo is a member of Aceitera General Deheza (AGD) – a leading family exporting company in the agribusiness and food industry- since 1984. With over 30 years of leadership experience, Acevedo has held various positions and management areas during his career.

Currently serves as President of Agroaval, a leading company improving access of SME’s in Argentina to credit.

Institutional role

Current President of the Argentine Industrial Union (UIA) since May 2017, where he had previously served as SME Vice-President and as Secretary.

Likewise, he served as Secretary at the Argentine Business Association (AEA) and as Treasurer of the Argentine Biotechnology Chamber (CAB).

Mr. Miguel Acevedo formerly served as President of Nuevo Central Argentino (NCA)- a railway cargo company- as well as President of the “Argentine Investment and Trade Promotion Agency” and of “Fundación Observatorio Pyme” (SME Observatory Foundation).

He is married, has five children and holds a degree in Business Administration.
Fernando Landa

Head International Institutional Affairs; B20 Argentina Policy Sherpa; GBC Sherpa

Mr. Fernando Landa is corporate Director of International Trade and special projects in the Techint Organisation, one of the most important industrial companies based in Argentina a member of the executive committee of UIA currently holding the 1st vice presidency, the Techint Group of Companies has headquarters in Argentina and operations worldwide, manufacture flat steel (Ternium), steel pipes for the oil industry (Tenaris) and is involved in oil exploration among other activities, have a total revenue over 25 Billion dollars and around 80000 employees.

Mr. Landa has a master’s in business administration (MsBA) from Stanford University, and an Industrial Engineering degree as well as a Mechanical Engineering degree both from ITBA (Institute of Technology of Buenos Aires).

He joined the Techint Group of Companies in 1982. He has served in prior positions as President of Ternium USA Corp., President of Ternium International (2004-2009), and Commercial Director of Sidor; Venezuela (1997-2001 while the still mill was a privatised entity.).

He has also been Director of strategy and Planning in Ternium and more recently Director of the international commercial network for Tenaris. He has been involved in acquisitions, mergers and operations in Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, USA and Canada.

He has taken part in several multilateral trade negotiations, has been member of the steel committee in OECD,

(including involvement in the steel subsidy agreement) as well as member of the economic committee in the world steel association (formerly IISI). He has extensive experience in international trade litigation including panel procedures in the WTO.

Currently coordinates all institutional and legal trade access activities for the industrial companies of the Techint group.
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business organisation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of every size, sector, and region. Since its founding more than a century ago, the Chamber has worked to deliver the voice of business in Washington, D.C., and around the world to advance policies that create jobs and grow and strengthen the competitiveness of our economy.
Thomas J. Donohue is president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Since assuming his position in 1997, Donohue has built the Chamber into a lobbying and political powerhouse with expanded influence across the globe.

During Donohue’s tenure, the Chamber’s lobbyists, policy experts, legal advocates, and communicators have helped secure business victories on Capitol Hill, in the regulatory agencies, in politics, in courts of law and in the court of public opinion, and before governments around the world.

In an era of economic and fiscal challenges, Donohue has aggressively advanced the American Jobs and Growth Agenda, a plan that includes expanding trade and domestic energy production, rebuilding America’s infrastructure, combating an avalanche of new regulations, protecting intellectual property, revitalizing capital markets, and reforming entitlements and the tax system.

Donohue has also spearheaded the creation of the Campaign for Free Enterprise, a positive, long-term program to defend, protect, and advance the free enterprise system. A signature project of the campaign is Hiring Our Heroes, which identifies job opportunities for tens of thousands of returning military veterans and spouses.

Under Donohue’s leadership, the Chamber has emerged as a major political force in races for the Senate and the House of Representatives. As part of this bipartisan effort, millions of grassroots business advocates, as well as the Chamber’s federation of state and local chambers and industry associations, mobilize in support of pro-business candidates.

Donohue established the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, which advances significant legal reforms in the courts, at the state and federal levels, and in elections for state attorneys general and Supreme Court judges. In addition, he has dramatically expanded the activities of the National Chamber Litigation Center, the Chamber’s law firm, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Previously, Donohue served for 13 years as president and CEO of the American Trucking Associations, the national organization of the trucking industry. Earlier in his career, Donohue was deputy assistant postmaster general of the United States and vice president of development at Fairfield University in Connecticut. He serves on the board of Union Pacific Corporation.

Born in New York City, Donohue earned a bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University and a master’s degree in business administration from Adelphi University.

He holds honorary degrees from Adelphi, St. John’s, Marymount, and Bradley universities, as well as the National University of Ireland at Maynooth. He is a 2013 recipient of the Horatio Alger Award. Donohue and his wife, Liz, have three sons and five grandchildren.
Gary V. Litman is Vice President for Global Initiatives at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where he is primarily responsible for the Chamber’s policy advocacy related to the economic reform agenda of G20, G7 and international financial institutions. He leads the Chamber’s participation in a range of global business coalitions, and related business summits focused on the on-going transformation of the framework of global finance. In this capacity he manages the policy development by the Chamber’s G20 task force, and its dialogues with such institutions as the FSB, IOSCO, the World Bank and the IMF.

Litman previously served as the Chamber’s vice president for Europe and Eurasia. In that role, he managed all the programs, and staff working on transatlantic relations both in Washington and in Brussels, as well as project-specific consultants working in EU, Central Asia and Russia. He has established the Chamber as one of the most influential business institutions on European affairs, a credible sounding board for government officials and media, and a valuable tool for member companies. He also managed the Chamber’s extensive relationship with the American Chambers of Commerce in 42 countries and various advocacy initiatives with major business organizations in key members of the European Union. As part of the Europe and Eurasia programs, Litman initiated a number of targeted projects related to intellectual property protection, science cooperation, and regional transport and security mechanisms in Eurasia. Prior to becoming vice president, Litman served as executive director of the Chamber’s bilateral business councils with Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Romania, working closely with the executives of the first wave of investors in these markets, and with the international financial institutions such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. As one of the Chamber’s strategic initiatives, Litman managed the US-Russia business dialogue with Russian business organizations. He is a frequently quoted authority on G20 policies, as well as U.S. business interests in Europe and Eurasia. In 2003, the Federal Republic of Germany recognized Gary Litman with its Friendship Award. He is a member of the World Policy Conference, Paris, and Astana Club, Kazakhstan.

Before joining the Chamber in 1995, Litman was an attorney with International Business Division of Stewart and Stewart in Washington, D.C., specializing in international trade policy and transactions. Litman’s public speaking experience includes testifying on behalf of the USCC before the U.S. Congress, key-notes and panels at the United Nations, various European fora, major U.S. and international conferences. He published papers on transatlantic policy, export controls, privatization, oil and gas industry and intellectual property. A native of Moscow, Russia, he received his J.D. from George Washington University’s National Law Center in Washington, D.C. where he was the first J.D. student from the post-Soviet Union nations, and member of the law school’s prestigious Journal of International Law and Economics editorial board. He serves on the Advisory Board of Madrid’s Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard Executive Program.

Gary V. Litman
Vice President Global Initiatives
The Global Business Coalition brings together leading independent business associations from the major world economies and advocates on behalf of more than 21 million small, medium and large companies. Established in 2012, the Global Business Coalition (formerly known as the B20 Coalition), operates as a worldwide platform of exchanges between national business communities, and aims at building consensus and developing common positions on issues critical for enterprises.

The Global Business Coalition focuses on helping member associations share intelligence, access decision-makers and coordinate their respective national and international advocacy campaigns. Through its broad-based representation, the Coalition engages policy-makers at a global scale and advocates policies that contribute to growth and job creation at regional and international levels.

By providing a unique link between governments, relevant international institutions and business communities, the Global Business Coalition has become instrumental in representing the voice of enterprises within the G20 process and other major international fora.

**GBC members principals**

- Ai Group: Australian Industry Group - CEO, Innes Willox
- BDI: Federation of German Industries - President, Dieter Kempf
- BE: BUSINESSEUROPE - President, Pierre Gattaz
- CBI: Confederation of British Industry - President, John Allan CBE
- CCC: Canadian Chamber of Commerce - President & CEO, The Honourable Perrin Beatty
- CEOE: Confederation of Employers and Industries of Spain - President, Antonio Garamendi
- CGEM: General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises - President, Salaheddine MEZOUAR
- CII: Confederation of Indian Industry - President, Rakesh Bharti Mittal
- CNI: National Confederation of Industry Brazil - President, Robson Braga De Andrade
- CONFINDUSTRIA: Confederation of Italian Industry - President, Vincenzo Boccia
- FEI: Federation of Egyptian Industries - Chairman, Eng. Mohamed El SEWEDY
- FKI: Federation of Korean Industries - Chairman, Chang-soo Huh
- MEDEF: French Business Federation - President, Geoffroy Roux de Bezieux
- TUSIAD: Turkish Industry and Business Association - President, Simone Kaslowski
- UIA: Union Industrial Argentina - President, Miguel Alberto Acevedo
- USCC: US Chamber of Commerce - President and CEO, Thomas J. Donohue
Sebastien Louvet is coordinating the secretariat of the Global Business Coalition (GBC) since 2013. GBC is an organisation, which has focused recent efforts notably in the fields of digitalization, resource efficiency/ circular economy, as well as trade and investment.

After his MBA, Sebastien worked as adviser for international affairs to former French Prime Minister Michel Rocard, while he was chairman of the European Parliament Cooperation and Development & Employment and Social Affairs committees.

Then, for 5 years, he conducted Cooperation and Development programs in Africa, Europe and Southeast Asia, involving, construction, restoration, supplies, logistics and sustainable development operations. Then, for 6 years, Sebastien took on the position of Director of International Public Affairs, in HAVAS. In this context, he oversaw some of the group’s presidency’s special operations, led 360° integrated campaigns, supported joint ventures operations and specialised on the Chinese, Indian and Russian markets.

Driven by an entrepreneurial approach, Sebastien dedicated time over the recent years, to his primary interest, which is to help organisations develop and grow internationally, notably, he supported the global outreach of SOURCE, the infrastructure project preparation platform developed by MDBs; the internationalisation of Beijing Capital and the repositioning of OECD towards its stakeholders.

From April 2019, Sebastien will take on his role as the Co-founder & CEO of GIH - Gurugram Innovation Hub, one of the largest private integrated corporate campuses dedicated to innovation and skilling, in the National Capital Region of India.
About CII

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII engages closely with Government on policy issues and interfaces with thought leaders to enhance efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a wide portfolio of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues. Extending its agenda beyond business, CII facilitates corporate initiatives for integrated and inclusive development across diverse domains.

As a developmental institution working towards India’s overall growth with a special focus on India@75 in 2022, the CII theme for 2018-19, India RISE : Responsible. Inclusive. Sustainable. Entrepreneurial emphasizes Industry’s role in partnering Government to accelerate India’s growth and development.

The focus will be on key enablers such as job creation; skill development; financing growth; promoting next gen manufacturing; sustainability; corporate social responsibility and governance and transparency.

Founded in 1895, India’s premier business association around 9000 members, from the private as well as public sectors, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from around 265 national and regional sectoral industry bodies. With 65 offices, including 9 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 10 overseas offices in Australia, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Singapore, South Africa, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 355 counterpart organizations in 126 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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