> **Climate change is the defining challenge of our time. I also believe it is the most potent game-changer for business over the next century.** It is an opportunity we must seize. I want to challenge you. I want to see you in the vanguard of an unprecedented effort to retool the global economy into one that is cleaner, greener and more sustainable.
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> *—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon*

CARING FOR CLIMATE:
THE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP PLATFORM

A CALL TO BUSINESS LEADERS

THE GLOBAL COMPACT

UNEP

Climate Risks and Opportunities –

Everybody's Concern and Everybody's Business

The magnitude and urgency of the climate challenge are becoming increasingly apparent. Climate change has direct impacts on the way humans live on the planet, and how businesses operate. While the poorest countries and societies will suffer the most, the climate crisis will affect everyone.

Climate change is a top priority for the United Nations. Through the personal dedication and leadership of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and the work of all its agencies and specialized bodies, the UN strives to ensure that all parts of society — including business — contribute to addressing climate change.

Business leaders around the world realize that climate change and environmental degradation pose important new risks and opportunities for their companies' competitiveness, growth and development. Through innovation and long-term investments in energy efficiency and low-carbon technologies, business has the solutions to turn the climate challenge into market opportunities.

Caring for Climate –

The UN's Initiative for Business Leadership on Climate Change

Caring for Climate was launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in July 2007. The initiative is jointly convened by the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Caring for Climate endeavors to help prevent a climate change crisis by mobilizing a critical mass of business leaders to implement and recommend climate change solutions and policies. The initiative helps companies to advance practical solutions, share experiences, inform public policy as well as shape public attitudes. Chief executive officers who support the Caring for Climate statement are prepared to set goals, develop and expand strategies and practices, and publicly disclose emissions as part of their existing disclosure commitment within the Global Compact framework, that is, the Communication on Progress.

Over the past several years, leaders among Caring for Climate signatories have demonstrated remarkable progress in pursuing comprehensive long-term strategies on energy efficiency and innovative low-carbon technologies within their processes, products and services throughout their value-chains.

Caring for Climate – Why Engage?

Caring for Climate offers maximum value for signatories. Participation in the initiative affords signatory companies a multitude of benefits, including the ability to:

- Demonstrate leadership in advancing practical solutions and strategies addressing climate change;
- Align a climate change business strategy with a UN-led initiative that has high visibility;
- Communicate publicly a company's actions and progress on climate change;
- Share best and emerging practices, gain access to the experiences of peers and explore opportunities to engage in collective action;
- Shape the climate change policy agenda and call for policy frameworks that reward leadership and innovation.

Engagement Opportunities

Caring for Climate recognizes that climate change is also a challenge to development and the sustainability of the global market. As such, the initiative places a strong emphasis on enhancing the role of business in finding strategic solutions to adapt to the impacts of climate change on development i.e. on peace and security, water sustainability, poverty reduction, energy and food security.

Caring for Climate offers signatories on-going engagement opportunities to:

- Develop thought leadership and best practice recommendations on priority areas such as (i) climate change adaptation, (ii) innovative low-carbon solutions and technology (iii) climate finance and (iv) disclosure and transparency;
- Inform the international climate change policy agenda in the context of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP/CMP), Secretary-General's High-Level Panels and other key UN activities;
- Participate in the annual Caring for Climate Business Forum at COP/CMP, a collaborative forum to discuss and demonstrate corporate climate leadership;
- Engage in regional and national multi-stakeholder dialogues in cooperation with Global Compact Local Networks;
- Contribute to Caring for Climate progress reports, case stories and publications.

More information on Caring for Climate activities and events can be found at: www.caringforclimate.org.

Caring for Climate – The Business Leadership Platform

A Statement by the Business Leaders of the Caring for Climate Initiative

Since business leaders from around the world first came together to issue this statement in 2007, the magnitude and urgency of the climate challenge has become more apparent. Climate change is a momentous threat to development, to peace and security, and to market stability. While the pace of action by governments, businesses and society at large has increased, our efforts, individually and collectively, must be accelerated further if the threat of catastrophic climate change is to be removed effectively. It is with this in mind that we renew our call to the business community to make a lasting commitment to climate action now.

WE, THE BUSINESS LEADERS OF CARING FOR CLIMATE:

RECOGNIZE THAT:

1. Climate Change is an issue requiring urgent and extensive action on the part of governments, business and citizens if the risk of serious damage to global prosperity, sustainable development and security is to be avoided.
2. Climate change poses both risks and opportunities to businesses of all sizes, sectors and regions of the world. It is in the best interest of the business community, as well as responsible behavior, to take an active and leading role in deploying low-carbon technologies, increasing energy efficiency, reducing carbon emissions and in assisting society to adapt to those changes in the climate which are now unavoidable.

COMMIT TO:

3. Taking further practical actions to improve continuously the efficiency of energy usage and to reduce the carbon footprint of our products, services and processes, to set voluntary targets for doing so, and to report publicly and annually on the achievement of those targets in our Communication on Progress-Climate.
4. Building significant capacity within our organizations to understand fully the implications of climate change for our business and to develop a coherent business strategy for minimizing risks and identifying opportunities.
5. Engaging more actively with our own national governments, inter-governmental organizations and civil society to develop policies and measures to provide an enabling framework for business to contribute effectively to building a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.
6. Continuing to work collaboratively with other enterprises both nationally and sectorally, and along our value-chains, to set standards and take joint initiatives aimed at reducing climate risks, assisting with adaptation to climate change and enhancing climate-related opportunities.
7. Becoming an active business champion for rapid and extensive climate action, working with our peers, employees, customers, investors and the broader public.

EXPECT FROM GOVERNMENTS:

8. The urgent creation, in close consultation with the business community and civil society, of comprehensive, long-term and effective legislative and fiscal frameworks designed to make markets work for the climate, in particular policies and mechanisms intended to create a stable price for carbon.
9. Recognition that building effective public-private partnerships to respond to the climate challenge will require major public investments to catalyze and support business and civil society led initiatives, especially in relation to research, development, deployment and transfer of low-carbon energy technologies and the construction of a low-carbon infrastructure.
10. Vigorous international cooperation aimed at providing a robust and innovative global policy framework within which private investments in building a low-carbon economy can be made, as well as providing financial and other support to assist those countries that require help to realize their own climate mitigation and adaptation targets while achieving poverty alleviation, energy security and natural resource management.

AND WILL:

11. Work collaboratively on joint initiatives between public and private sectors and through them achieve a comprehensive understanding of how both public and private sectors can best play a pro-active and leading role in meeting the climate challenge in an effective way.
12. Invite UN Global Compact and UNEP to promote the public disclosure of actions taken by the signatories to this Statement and communicate on this on a regular basis.

List of Caring for Climate Signatories (April 2013):

Caring for Climate has the support of nearly **350 companies in 60 countries**. Signatories are spread across a wide variety of sectors and regions — with strong support in developing and emerging markets.

LARGE COMPANIES

A.P. Moller - Maersk; Aarhus-Karlshamn AB; AB Electrolux; ABB Ltd.; Abengoa; ABN AMRO Bank N.V.; Acciona; AG2R LA MONDIALE; Agbar - Sociedad General de Aguas de Barcelona, S.A.; Agri-auto Industries Limited; Air France; Aitken Spence PLC; Aksa Akrilik Kimya Sanayi A.S.; Aktiebolaget SKF; Akzo Nobel N.V.; Alcatel-Lucent; Allergan; Allianz SE; Anglo American plc; ARAMEX PJSC; ArcelorMittal; Areva; Arla Foods amba; ARM Holdings plc; Asia Pacific Resources International Limited; Attock Refinery Limited; Auchan France; Autostrade per Italia S.p.A.; AVIVA plc; AXA; Banco do Brasil S.A.; Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts Pte Ltd; Bayer AG; BBVA, S.A.; Braskem S.A.; Bring Citymail Sweden AB; Broedrene Hartmann A/S; BT Group plc; Cable & Wireless Panama S.A.; Caja de Ahorros y Pensiones - La Caixa; Capgemini; Carlsberg Group; CEMEX; Central Warehousing Corporation; Centrica plc; China International Marine Containers Ltd.; China Minmetals Corporation; China Mobile Communications Corporation; China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC); China Ocean Shipping Group - COSCO; China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation - Sinopec; Cisco Systems; City Developments Limited; CKR Global; Coca-Cola Hellenic; Coop; CORPRENSA; CPFL Energia S.A.; Daewoo Securities Co., Ltd.; Danfoss Group; Deloitte South Africa; Det Norske Veritas; Deutsche Post DHL; Deutsche Telekom AG; DGB Financial Group; Diageo Plc; DNB ASA; DONG Energy A/S; Dudalina SA; DuPont; EADS France; EADS NV; Ebro Foods, S.A.; EDF; El Corte Ingles, S.A.; Empresa Nacional del Petroleo; Empresas Bern S.A.; Endesa, S.A.; Energoinvest; ENI; Eskom; Esquel Group of Companies; Essilor International; Esteve; Euskaltel; Ferrocarrils de La Generalitat de Catalunya; Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A.; France Telecom; Fuji Xerox Company Ltd.; Fung Group; Gamesa Corporacion Tecnologica, S.A.; Gas Natural Fenosa Mexico; Gas Natural SDG, S.A.; GDF SUEZ; GlaxoSmithKline; Groupe Bial; Groupe IRH Environnement; Groupe La Poste; Groupe ONET; Grundfos; Grupo Abril - Abril S.A.; Grupo Cementos Portland Valderrivas; Grupo EULEN; H & M, Hennes & Mauritz AB; Hilti Aktiengesellschaft; Hindustan Construction Company Ltd (HCC); Hinopak Motors Limited; Hitachi, Ltd.; Holmen AB; Homeplus Co., Ltd.; Iberdrola S.A.; ICA AB; Infosys Technologies Ltd; International Industries Limited; Japan Airlines Co., Ltd.; Johnson Controls Inc.; Kelani Valley Plantations PLC; Kikkoman Corporation; Kjaer Group; Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.; Korea East-West Power Co.,Ltd.; KPMG, Cardenas Dosal, S.C.; Kromann Reumert; L'Oreal; Lafarge; Landsbanki Islands; LEGO A/S; LG Electronics, Inc.; LM Ericsson; Loc Maria; Lopal Petrochemial Co., Ltd.; ManpowerGroup; Mansour Manufacturing & Distribution Group of Companies; MAS Holdings (Pvt) Ltd.; MCI Group Holdings SA; MediaCorp Pte Ltd.; Metso Corporation; Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation; Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.; Munich Re Group; Natura Cosmeticos S/A; Nedbank Group; Newmont Mining Corp; NKSJ Holdings, Inc.; Nokia Corporation; Novartis International AG; Novo Nordisk AS; Novozymes; OCBC Bank Ltd.; Oil and Natural Gas Corporation; Olympus Corporation; OMV Aktiengesellschaft; Osram AG; Pakistan Refinery Limited; PepsiCo, Inc.; Pfizer, Inc.; Piraeus Bank; Pranda Group; PSA Peugeot Citroen; PT. Martina Berto Tbk, Martha Tilaar Group; Publicis Groupe S.A.; Pulmuone Holdings Co., Ltd.; Pwani Oil Products Ltd; Rahimafrooz Batteries Ltd.; Rastgar Engineering Company Private Limited; Red Electrica de España S.A.U.; Redes Energeticas Nacionais, SGPS, SA; Reed Elsevier Group plc; Repsol YPF; Richards Bay Coal Terminal Company Limited; RICOH Company Ltd; Rio Tinto plc; RWE AG; Sabaf S.p.A.; SAET Group; Saint-Gobain; Samjong KPMG Inc.; SAP AG; SAS Group; Sasol Ltd.; Seiko Epson Corporation; Sekem Group; Shiseido Co., Ltd.; Siemens AG; Singapore Telecommunications Limited; SK Telecom; Skanska AB; Sydsvenska Dagbladets AB; Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. International; Tata International Limited; Tata Steel; Telecom Italia; Telefonica S.A.; Telvent; Tetra Pak Group; Thal Engineering; Thales; The Coca-Cola Company; The Dow Chemical Company; The Linde Group; The Rezidor Hotel Group; Titan Cement Company; TNT Express; Unilever; UPM-Kymmene Corporation; Vale; Vasakronan AB; Vattenfall AB; Veolia Environnement; Vestas Wind Systems ; VIYELLATEX group; Westpac Banking Corporation; Woori Bank; Xylem Water Solutions AB; Yara International ASA; Yuhan-Kimberly

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Abreu Advogados; Allied Soft; Alsima Consultores, S, Coop. And.; Alteco AB; Ambiental Consultores; ARGE Consulting; Article 13; ASN Bank; Atacama S.A. de Publicidad; Avon Metals Ltd; Beraca Sabara Quimicos e Ingredientes S/A; Caribbean Office of Trade & Industrial Development Limited; Carroll Properties Corporation; Celer Soluciones, S.L.; Compania Energetica del Tolima - Enertolima S.A. ESP; Cool House; Copagaz Distribuidora de Gas S/A - Grupo Zahran; Corporation Solar Alliance; Cre-en Inc.; Datum Internacional S.A.; Deans Beans Organic Coffee; EcoTech Timber, Inc.; Edita Bobergs AB; Edita Vaestra Aros AB; Enel Fortuna S.A.; EVOLUTION; Fertilizantes de Centro America SA; Forsitec; Genctur Tourism and Travel Agency Ltd.; Generation Investment Management LLP; GES; Ghana Oil Company Limited; Global Synergetic Foundation; Grupo Via Delphi, SA de CV.; Hauska & Partner Corporate Relations; Icono Comercial, S.A. de C.V.; Impact International; KanEnergi Sweden AB; Macondo; Marc J. Lane & Company; Mater A/S; MDD Comercio e Representacoes de Papel Ltda.; MittMedia Print AB; MSM Group AG; Newports Institute of Communications and Economics; Nomitek SA de CV; Origin Exterminators Pte Ltd; Pacific Rim Innovation and Management Exponents, Inc.; Paharpur Business Centre and Software Technology Incubator Park; Pancrop Commercial Co. Ltd.; PARTICIP GmbH; Pasell s.r.I.; Phoenix Design Aid A/S; Planetic; Planson International; Quinta da Estancia Grande; Rayess Kingdom Group; Respect Sustainable Business; Rio Uruguay Cooperativa de Seguros Ltda.; Roslagens Sparbank; Salterbaxter Communications Limited; Solarig; Storebrand ASA; Sustainable Living Fabrics Pty Ltd.; SVQ Comunicacion y Desarrollo Corporativo SL; Tarrerias Bonjean; The Consortium for Purchasing and Distribution Ltd.; TIMA International GMBH; TNT Argentina S.A.; Torse; Tudor Rose; Visao Sustentavel - Dorpas Assessoria Empresarial S/C Ltda.; VisitSweden AB; Water Company

How to join Caring for Climate

All companies committed to addressing climate change are invited to join Caring for Climate. To become a signatory, please send an email indicating the support of your chief executive to caring4climate@un.org.

Signatories are recognized on the Caring for Climate website at www.caringforclimate.org.

"Combating climate change is one of the defining challenges but also opportunities for this generation in terms of a transition to a low-carbon, resource efficient Green Economy. **In curbing and cutting greenhouse gas emissions, society can generate new kinds of jobs and businesses. Other pressing issues can also be addressed from poverty and access to electricity to air pollution and the conservation of forests and other scarce natural resources.** The Caring for Climate Initiative is one way business leaders can contribute to change, while assisting to ensure that the future happens by design rather than by default."

— Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and UNEP Executive Director

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About the United Nations Global Compact

Launched in 2000, the United Nations Global Compact is a both a policy platform and a practical framework for companies that are committed to sustainability and responsible business practices. As a multi-stakeholder leadership initiative, it seeks to align business operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption and to catalyze actions in support of broader UN goals. With more than 10,000 signatories in over 140 countries, it is the world's largest voluntary corporate responsibility initiative.

About the United Nations Environment Programme

The mission of UNEP is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations. UNEP is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, with regional offices in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, West Asia, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean. The UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP DTIE) is the division within UNEP responsible for working with business and industry. With its longstanding activities in the areas of sustainable production and consumption, energy, ozone, chemicals, trade, economics, finance and corporate responsibility, UNEP DTIE aims to help decision-makers develop and adopt policies that are cleaner and safer; make efficient use of natural resources; incorporate environmental costs and reduce pollution and risks for humans and the environment.

About the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

With 195 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol has been ratified by 193 of the UNFCCC Parties. Under the Protocol, 37 States, consisting of highly industrialized countries and countries undergoing the process of transition to a market economy, have legally binding emission limitation and reduction commitments. The ultimate objective of both treaties is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

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For more information about Caring for Climate, please visit www.caringforclimate.org.