

Statement for the election of co-chair of the Business and Industries Group of the Global Assembly of Partners

In the past 4 years, as representative of FIABCI, The International Real Estate Federation, I had the privilege to attend multiple meetings of governments at the UN and of civil society at the Huairou Commission. I followed closely the monthly negotiations leading to the adoption of the 17 SDGs on September 25, 2015 and applauded in Quito last October when the New Urban Agenda was unanimously approved.

Habitat III participants insisted that people's voices must be heard and added an extra P (for People) to the initial Public/Private Partnerships slogan. GAP's mandate is therefore extremely relevant. It must summarize civil society's concerns and suggestions, submit them at the right moment and in the most appropriate way while pursuing the necessary dialogue and brainstorming with all interested parties. The GAP's role also consists in engaging the private sector and the public to creatively support the implementation of the SDGs.

I am convinced that the Business and Industry group can provide significant support to the GAP and would be honored to become co-chair for 2017 to 2019. As a leader of FIABCI, I have relevant experience in building consensus with members from multiple countries and culture, in elaborating and implementing a strategic plan and in cooperating closely with the UN and UN-Habitat in particular.



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