

NGO COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Committee of NGOs and Business Affiliates Working in Consultative Status with the United Nations

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1. Introduction – Why Private Sector Development Matters

Economic growth (SDGs 8, 9, 16 & 17) is the “thousand-pound elephant in the room.”

- **SDG 8** (Decent Work and Economic Growth) drives job creation and higher living standards.
- **SDG 9** (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) strengthens productive capacity and fosters innovation.
- **SDG 16** (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) provides the rule of law, accountable governance, and transparent institutions—creating the stability and trust that businesses, investors, and communities need to thrive.
- **SDG 17** (Partnerships for the Goals) mobilizes cross-sector collaboration to scale impact.

Without this combination—jobs and productivity, industrial and innovative capacity, peace and stability, and strong partnerships—**well-intentioned development efforts collapse into instability, governments fail to deliver public goods, and the SDGs remain out of reach.**

2. Background

The NGO Committee on Private Sector Development (NGOCPSD)—also known as NGOCA is a coalition of NGOs with ECOSOC consultative status and business organizations committed to sustainable, inclusive private sector growth.

The NGOCPSD emerged from a growing consensus among NGOs and business partners that private sector development is an indispensable driver of sustainable progress. As the successor to the NGO Committee on Africa, it aims to be re-acknowledged as a substantive committee of the Conference of NGOs (C.O.N.G.O.).

3. Purpose & Mission

The NGOCPSD is a collaborative force led by civil society and private sector agents. We believe economic opportunity is the most fundamental driver of political stability, peace, and security. Today’s challenges demand urgent action. Economic instability fuels conflict and weakens

governance. Recognizing that peace, security, and human rights cannot thrive without a strong economic foundation, the NGOCPD seeks to promote innovative, multi-stakeholder collaboration with governments, the private sector, and civil society to develop integrated, actionable solutions.

Our work aims to be aligned with the UN Secretary-General's Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection (launched in 2021), which seeks to create 400 million jobs and extend social protection to 4 billion people.

Our purpose since our founding in 2023 has been to build coalitions, raise awareness, make joint statements, and encourage actions that prioritize private sector development as a pathway to the SDGs. To this end, our work has been to **unite business and civil society around the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Week** to multiply concrete actions and commitments toward the SDGs. NGOCPD has cultivated a vibrant online community—most notably through a dynamic WhatsApp network—to share information and coordinate activities around major UN events, including the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).

The core missions of the committee include:

- **Advocacy:** Aligning with the Secretary-General's Global Jobs Accelerator and the Global Jobs Pact to advocate for an economy and jobs for all.
- **Prioritization:** Championing economic development as a top national and international priority to peace and stability.
- **Engagement:** Working with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its specialized agencies to promote its agenda.
- **SDG Promotion:** Highlighting SDGs 8, 9, 16, and 17 as instrumental to investment, development, and job creation.
- **Collaboration:** Mobilizing constituencies behind the UN's economic agenda and collaborating with Member States to highlight their economic priorities.
- **Platform:** Providing a platform for members to make joint statements and take collective actions.

Future Vision:

- Expand engagement with the **UN Security Council** on economic security.
- Strengthen advocacy for **economic stability as a pathway to peace.**

4. Organization & Structure

The committee is led by an executive secretariat, or Bureau, which is responsible for its programs, membership, partnerships, and other activities. The Bureau consists of a Chair, Harvey Dupiton, a Vice-Chair, Donna St. Cyr, a Treasurer, two Recording Secretaries, and two Members-at-large, Rudolph Shaw, and Jim Rogers.

5. Key Initiatives

- **Advisory Groups:** Eminent persons, global ambassadors, and business champions.

- **Working Groups:** Including **Group Friends of the Diaspora, Africa Sub-Committee** and an **LDC (Least Developed Countries) Taskforce**. As of September 2025, **United Nations Association Haiti (UNA-Haiti)** will operate as a sub-working group of this LDCs Taskforce.
- **Programs:** Occasional briefings, as well as Youth Leadership, Media Leadership, and Internship/Volunteer programs to empower the next generation.

6. Partnerships

The NGOCPSD's work is integrated with several key initiatives that it supports and helps to organize during UNGA Week:

- UNGA Week
- UN Wall Street
- Global Campaign for Jobs
- "The Future We (the People) Want" Global Campaign
- Diaspora Initiatives
- Diaspora Economy Initiative
- Financing for Development Investment Mobilization
- Diaspora Assembly / Model UN
- The People of African Descent Initiative

7. Join us

The committee welcomes NGOs with ECOSOC status, businesses committed to SDG-aligned growth, and governments prioritizing economic diplomacy to join its network and participate in its activities.

Get Involved:

- Join our **WhatsApp network** for real-time collaboration.
- Participate in **UNGA Week 2025 (Sept 21-29, NYC/Tri-State)**.
- Lead a **working group (Africa, LDCs, Youth)**.

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Help us build a future where economic opportunity fuels peace and prosperity.

Together, we can make economic opportunity the foundation of peace, prosperity, and sustainable development.

