



THE GLOBAL CHAMBER PLATFORM

WHO WE ARE

The Global Chamber Platform (GCP) brings together the major national and trans-national Chamber organisations from the four corners of the globe and develops joint initiatives to facilitate economic cooperation and to promote free trade initiatives. It is coordinated by EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

As of today, GCP members include, in addition to EUROCHAMBRES, 16 business organisations from a wide range of countries and regions: US; China; India; Iran; Russia; Latin American, Mediterranean and African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, just to name a few.



❖ OBJECTIVES

- The GCP is an informal chamber platform to foster global Chamber-to-Chamber relations at global level.
- It was founded in October 2002 when the Global Chamber Declaration was signed by 8 founding members. At the moment, the GCP comprises 16 mainly transnational chamber federations.
- The key objective of the GCP is to facilitate trade and market access internationally and to develop a coherent answer to the challenges of globalisation, by using fully the potential of Chambers around the world.

❖ WORKING METHOD

- The GCP is a forum where chambers meet once a year and exchange their views on the global economic situation and prospects for economic developments. Last year for example, GCP members discussed the impacts of the economic and financial crisis and the solutions to restore economic stability and sustainable growth globally.
- The GCP wants to bring the perspective of the real economy and the views of enterprises – particularly small and medium-sized ones – to the global political level.
- The GCP members engage in a constructive debate, the development of common positions, the exchange of opinions and positions among the GCP members and the representation of our enterprises' views.

❖ ACTIVITIES

- Conduction of an annual Global Economic Survey on expectations on key variables for the global economy
- Publication of position papers on current global issues
- Cooperation with the group of G20 chambers (the so called C20 group): joint input for G20 Summits

❖ REPRESENTED COMPANIES

- In the GCP, chambers from countries are represented either directly (as in the case of large countries like China, India, Iran and Russia) or by their umbrella organisations.
- In total, the GCP indirectly represents companies from more than 180 countries.

❖ MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL CHAMBER PLATFORM

- Association of ACP National Chambers of Commerce, Industry and other Economic Operators
- Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES)
- Asociación Industrial Latino-Americana (AILA)
- Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASCAME)
- Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)
- China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) – China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)
- Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)
- Federation of Gulf CC Chambers (FGCCC)
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- Ibero-American Association of Chambers of Commerce (AICO)
- Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines
- Junior Chamber International (JCI)
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation CCI (SAARC CCI)
- Economic Cooperation Organization Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO-CCI)
- US Chamber of Commerce

CHAIRMAN

The current chairman of the Global Chamber Platform is Dr. Christoph Leidl, Honorary President of EUROCHAMBRES and President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ).

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<http://www.eurochambres.eu/Content/Default.asp?PageID=104>

Global Chamber Platform

DECLARATION

10 October 2002

I.

Considering the responsibility of the business community for civil society, the signatories to this Global Chamber Platform declare their engagement in:

1. respecting the principles of democracy, of human rights, of tolerance and of ethical behaviour;
2. shaping globalisation and using new technologies with human impacts, which deliver advantages to all who are involved;
3. fostering free and fair trade, sustainable co-operation, contributing to economic development, thereby bringing welfare into regions of poverty and sharing created benefits between all partners;
4. carefully using the natural resources of earth and maintaining or regaining optimal standards of life quality;
5. bearing social commitment and solidarity in giving fair chances for qualified education, jobs, income and social security;
6. contributing to cultural dialogue and development by supporting cultural events;
7. strengthening all efforts for peace in the world.

Business brings people together and builds bridges of understanding.

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II.

The signatories to this Declaration hereby create the Global Chamber Platform in fulfilling their mentioned responsibilities, comprising regional associations of Chambers of Commerce and Industry plus significant individual Chambers.

They agree:

1. to encourage business contacts and to foster international trade, and to adopt common positions on global business and trade issues when appropriate;
2. to share expertise and good Chamber practice for the benefit of all;
3. to provide their business members with valuable information on the general economic situation, taxation, investment opportunities, trade policies and legislative changes in each region;
4. to jointly and actively promote the establishment of economic conditions favourable to the creation of a competitive economy in all signatory regions;
5. to develop tools of co-operation between the signatories which would allow an effective role of all parties in the implementation of Trade and Co-operation Agreements;
6. that the Global Chamber Platform should operate utilising existing corporate structures, no separate legal entity being proposed, and co-operate with other organisations – specifically including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) - with similar targets;
7. that the Global Chamber Platform is a partner for dialogue and a consultant to official institutions involved in global networks.

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SIGNATORIES TO THE DECLARATION

10 October 2002	EUROCHAMBRES	Christoph Leidl President
10 October 2002	Russian Chamber Federation	Georgy Petrov Vice President
10 October 2002	AICO (Latin American Chambers of Commerce)	Juan Manuel Arriaga Vice President
10 October 2002	Mexico City Chamber of Commerce	Juan Manuel Arriaga President
10 October 2002	Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines	Ali Naghi Khamoushi President
10 October 2002	ASCAME (Mediterranean Chamber Association)	Jiliani Ben M'Barek President
10 October 2002	China Chamber of International Commerce	Yu Ping Advisor to the President
10 October 2002	Junior Chamber International	Bruce Rector Incoming President
28 October 2002	Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)	Carol Ayoung CEO
28 October 2002	AILA (Asociación Industrial Latinoamericana)	Juan J Calvo President
9 October 2003	Association of ACP National Chambers of Commerce	Laker Levers Vice President
9 October 2003	Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)	K.K. Modi President
9 October 2003	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	K.K. Modi Former FICCI President
9 October 2003	Federation of Gulf Cooperation Council Chambers (FGCCC)	M. A. Al-Mulla Secretary General
22 October 2004	SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry	M. Macky Hashim President
14 May 2009	Economic Cooperation Organization Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO-CCI)	Rifat Hisarciklioglu President
	US Chamber of Commerce	