

# Key factors for business & biodiversity commitments





- 1. Set **clear** objectives and guidelines
- 2. Associate **multiple stakeholders** in the preparation of messages and common corporate commitments
- 3. Assemble **scientific arguments** to show the link between business and biodiversity
- 4. Enlist the **support of CEOs** to win over their peers
- 5. Adopt **pragmatic yet rigorous governance** that fosters emulation
- 6. Prepare **launch events** well in advance
- 7. Post-launch: Promote **exchange of best practices** between businesses and experts
- 8. Welcome system changes and expansion
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- Mobilise business in favour of biodiversity;
- Change scale of action thanks to CEOs involvement from all sectors;
- Show concrete commitments at large scale;
- Initiate a **bottom-up** voluntary dynamics involving businesses and relevant stakeholders ahead of CBD COP15 in 2020.



## 2. Associate multiple stakeholders





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Les Listes muges de l'UICN montrent que la biodiversité s'érode à un rythme alarmatit. Les entreprises doivent s'engager plus fortement pour sa préservation. Il est urgent d'accélèrer la mobilisation d'ici 2020, année du Congrès mondial de l'UICN et de la COP15 Biodiversité.

Bernard Cressens Président du Comité français de l'UTCN



## 3. Assemble scientific arguments to show the international



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Il ne faut jamais oublier que les êtres vivants sont interdépendants, que la vie est faite de symbioses et que nous, Homo sapiens, ne sommes rien sans les autres.

Bruno David, Président du Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle





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La science alerte sur l'effondrement de la biodiversité et propose des solutions. Aux entreprises à présent de s'en saisir et de s'engager résolument vers un usage durable de la biodiversité.

Jean-François Silvain Président de la Fondation pour la Recherche sur la Biodiversité

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It is in the best interests of companies to be concerned about biodiversity for ethical reasons. As responsible actors, business has a leading role to play in addressing the major environmental challenge of biodiversity loss because their own activities can be a significant cause thereof.

Dr. Anne Larigauderie Executive Secretary, IPBES

Les entreprises doivent s'intéresser à la prodiversité pour des raisons. éthiques, en tant qu'acteurs responsables ayant un rôle moteur à jouer dans cet autre grand enjeu environnemental que représente la disparition de la biodiversité, et ce d'autant plus que leurs activités peuvent être à l'origine de cette perte de biodiversité.

Dr. Anne Larigauderie Secrétaire exécutif, IPBES

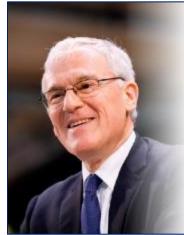




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## 4. Enlist the support of CEOs to win over



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Toutes nos installations industrielles cótoient. la nature. C'est pourquoi la biodiversité est l'une de nos 6 priorités de responsabilité d'entreprise. Notre ambition n'est pas de nous limiter à la téduction de nos impacts mais d'adopter partout une démarche positive de biodiversité.

Jean-Bernard Lévy Président-Directeur Général du groupe EDF BLB\_Lety



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L'impact des activités humaines sur la biodiversité est de plus en plus visible.

En tant qu'entreprise, nous avons une capacité d'actions et d'entraînement : mettons-la à profit pour la nature.

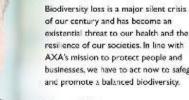
Jean-Dominique Senard, Président d'EpE



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Our ambition to resource the world requires taking into account biodiversity in all of our activities, at every level of the company, over the 7,500 sites we operate.

Antoine Frérot Président-Directeur général de VEOLIA



of our century and has become an existential threat to our health and the resilience of our societies. In line with AXA's mission to protect people and businesses, we have to act now to safeguard and promote a balanced biodiversity.

Thomas Buberl. CEO, AXA Group



Présent dans de multiples pays et résolument engagé dans la transition énergétique et écologique, ENGIE interagit avec des écosystèmes naturels très divers. Préserver la biodiversité fait partie intégrante des solutions que notre Groupe déploie pour un progrès plus harmonieux.

Isabelle Kocher. Directeur Général ENGIE



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Les entreprises font partie des solutions pour la préservation de la biodiversité. De par ses activités extractives, Saint-Gobain en a acquis une forte expertise qui nous permet désormais d'appréhender ce sujet sous tous ses aspects et tour au long de notre chaîne de valeur.

Pierre-André de Chelendar Président-directeur général de Saint-Gobain



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Comme pour la transition énergétique, la finance a un rôle à jouer pour orienter les financements vers les entreprises et les secteurs qui contribuent à protéger et restaurer la biodiversité.

Jean Lautent Bonnafé Administrateur Directeur général de **BNP** Paribas

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## 5. Adopt **pragmatic yet rigorous governance** that fosters emulation



#### More specifically, we the signatories undertake to:

- Integrate biodiversity into our corporate strategy, founding our action on available scientific knowledge;
- Engage in dialogue with all our stakeholders regarding their expectations and our impacts, actions and progress;
- Assess the various components of biodiversity of concern to us, using direct and indirect impact indicators, risk and performance indicators and, when relevant for decision making purposes, assess in economic terms our impacts and our reliance on smoothly functioning ecosystems;
- Promote the progressive integration of biological diversity into decisions throughout our value chains, from the production of natural raw materials to the final stage of our products life cycle after use by consumers;
- Primarily prevent, reduce and ultimately offset our impacts, by seeking on a case-by-case basis no net loss as a bottom line or even a net gain of biodiversity<sup>(4)</sup> in our activities and geographical areas of influence, and by factoring in the need for ecosystems to adapt to climate change;
  - Give priority to the development of Nature-based Solutions<sup>(6)</sup>, ensuring that they are implemented in a science-based and biodiversity-friendly manner, and promoting a certain variety in such solutions;
- Incorporate biodiversity into our dialogue with policymakers so that this issue is progressively embedded into public policies. When invited to do so, contribute to the national biodiversity strategies of countries where we operate;
- Raise awareness of and train our employees in biodiversity and its relation to their jobs. Promote and encourage nature-friendly initiatives by them and providing due recognition to such actions and practices;
- Mobilise resources and establish appropriate partnerships to support and monitor our actions taken in the field;



Publicly report on the implementation of these commitments and of our individual commitments set out below.

Moreover, we call on other organisations across all sectors to join us in making and fulfilling these commitments. The individual commitments set out below take stock of these common commitments based on our respective activities.





## What are **SMART commitments** ?

- Specific: range of actions that are directly or indirectly linked with biodiversity.
- **Measurable**: possibility to monitor their implementation through indicators of direct and indirect impacts, risks and progress and to identify, monitor and evaluate the effects on the state of biodiversity and on the evolutions of stakeholder's behaviors.
- Additional: that goes beyond mere compliance with current legislation or regulation, but also beyond current and past actions of the company, and results in positive, significant, tangible, direct or indirect impacts on biodiversity without negative impacts.
- Realistic: consistent with the company's activities as a whole, be it in terms of avoiding and reducing negative impacts or implementing measures beneficial to biodiversity. The objectives are defined proportionally to the company's size, means and activities.
- **Time-bound:** the objectives and planned actions evolve and are incorporated in an ambition that is ratcheted up regularly, in order to improve the ecological performance of the company. It is a true program with an explicit duration and implementation dates.



## 6. Prepare launch events well in advance

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### 7. Post-launch: Promote exchange of **best** practices between businesses and experts





### 8. Welcome system changes and expansion





« Never, never, never give up! »

W. Churchill





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