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**Matters related to intergovernmental,
non-governmental, governmental and other
organizations**

Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean (EBCAM), a non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO.

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on the European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean (EBCAM), a non-governmental organization (NGO) seeking consultative status with UNIDO, is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.
2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines, stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. In line with the procedures established by the Board at its forty-fifth session (IDB.45/Dec.16), the Enlarged Bureau of the Board shall review the present application of, and information on, the NGO referred to in the annex to the present document at its meeting prior to the forty-seventh session and submit its recommendations to the Bureau of the Board. The Bureau shall consider the application and recommendations of the Enlarged Bureau at its first meeting on 1 July 2019.
3. At the subsequent plenary meeting, the President of the forty-seventh session shall inform the Board of the Bureau's recommendation on the application and with the approval of the Bureau, the President shall present a draft decision to the Board for adoption.

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Annex

European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean (EBCAM)

Historical background

The European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean (EBCAM) was founded in 1973 by seven European private sector associations, representing investors and operators in Africa as a non-profit organization based in Brussels. It brings together European investors and other actors engaged in economic activities on the African continent and works for a close cooperation between the European private sector and African countries, promoting economic development in Africa through private sector initiatives.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

- General assembly
- Executive Board
- Secretariat.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

EBCAM promotes trade with and investments in Africa in line with one of its guiding principles that the private sector and viable business initiatives must be the main drivers of sustainable economic growth in Africa. Through its members, today EBCAM represents about 4,000 European companies with interests on the African continent. Their activities cover the complete range of trade and industry, including agriculture, mining, transport, banking, and the service sectors.

EBCAM provides its members with information to help them take business decisions, in particular key figures and facts about African macroeconomic trends; identification and analysis of dynamic sectors; and updates on developments in the European regulatory environment (including financing opportunities), the United Nations system, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the African Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP). It assists and advises, through its member associations, those who are operating or wish to operate in Africa, cooperating with private sector associations and African governments to attract potential investors.

EBCAM aims to be the main private sector contact point of European Union institutions and African countries on matters affecting the interests of the European private sector in Africa.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

EBCAM enjoys observer status at the United Nation Conference of Trade and Development (UNCTAD). It also cooperates with the European Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS) and European Union delegations in Africa, the European Parliament, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the African Development Bank.

Membership

Eleven members, comprising European business councils and associations of private sector enterprises focused on development, business, trade, and investment in Africa.

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