

Annemasse Declaration

We, representatives of governments, international organizations, private sector entities and civil society, having met in Annemasse on the 29th and 30th of October 2015, and as a result of the key challenges analyzed during the International Forum on Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development, express our desire to:

1. Commit to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted at the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly, as well as to persuade all stakeholders to join forces towards building sustainable communities and facilitating the development and maintenance of sustainable companies and decent jobs. We embrace territories with inclusive and sustainable economic growth and improved living standards for all, ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns and use of all natural resources.
2. Believe it is essential to continue this high-level dialogue on the conditions required for the success of public-private partnerships (PPPs), promoting the sharing of experiences and the identification of good practices, so that PPPs are used as a tool to improve the societies we live in. We support the mobilization and sharing of knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to advance the universal Sustainable Development Goals at all levels. Hence, the governments, international organizations, business leaders, academia and civil society representatives that have supported the creation of this international Forum call for a follow up of this process through the creation of a long-term learning platform on PPPs at the local level, and through the organization of biennial fora such as this one, including a social dialogue with all stakeholders.
3. Recognize that the Sustainable Development Goals cannot be achieved without the active, responsible and participative involvement of the private sector, in strong partnership with local and regional authorities. Since Goal 17 calls to “*Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development*”, the potential of PPPs to eradicate poverty and fight against climate change needs to be fully explored. In this sense, this Declaration will be presented to government authorities as well as to the Secretariat of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
4. Call for the establishment of new innovative and efficient PPPs that will build more stable and inclusive societies and close the large infrastructure gap. There is a need for multi-stakeholder partnerships to provide access to basic services such as energy, water and sanitation for all, while respecting biodiversity. These partnerships, in full association with the organized civil society, will contribute to the achievement of Goal 17, and can constitute important means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. Support the principles of good governance in PPPs stated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: efficiency, accountability, transparency, decency, fairness and participation to foster the implementation of fair PPPs serving the general interest.

In view of all the above, the citizens of the different countries convened at this Forum subscribe to this Annemasse Declaration and declare their adherence to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, while supporting the efforts of local governments in advancing development through sustainable and inclusive partnerships with the private sector.