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Engaging Global Institutions

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Global Policy Engagement

March 14: The Chamber led the U.S. Business Delegation to Tokyo for the B20 Summit. Participants delivered messages on a number of critical issues, including health policy, sustainability, and digital transformation. Prime Minister Abe addressed the B20 Summit and received business recommendations, which largely reflected the Chamber's input.

March 15: The UN's *International Resource Panel Implications for Business* report was published, referencing the Chamber as a contributing organization. The report analyzes the link between economic growth and the use of natural resources in major markets. It looks at business as a key enabler in providing sustainability solutions and assesses ways to support private and public investment in resource efficiency.

March 20: A number of our task force members participated in the G7 Resource Efficiency workshop on voluntary agreements, standardization, and nonfinancial reporting. The workshop was co-hosted by France and the EU in Paris. We will continue to engage at subsequent G7 Workshops.

April 2: IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde presented the World Economic Outlook at the Chamber. The IMF pointed out the risks of trade policy uncertainty, protracted slow growth and U.S. economic deceleration.

May 1: The Chamber hosted METI Director General Nishiyama for a roundtable discussion on Japan's priorities for the Digital Economy Ministers' Communique in preparation of the G20 Digital Economy Task Force meeting later this month.

May 5-6: The G7 Environment Ministerial convened in Metz, France to promote tangible solutions for biodiversity and climate issues.

Upcoming Opportunities

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Bretton Woods Conference, the Bretton Woods Committee will publish a compendium of policy notes including the Chamber's proposal for reform in response to changes in the private sector that they have not kept up with.

The 3rd annual World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) will take place in Helsinki, Finland June 3-5. WCEF will host business leaders, policymakers and experts to discuss how businesses can seize new opportunities and gain a competitive advantage through circular economy solutions, as well as how the circular economy contributes to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In its capacity as the secretariat of the <u>Global Health and Human Resources Knowledge Partnership</u>, the Chamber will co-organize a G20 Health working group meeting with business on June 30 in Tokyo.

The Global Resource Efficiency and Sustainability Task Force will be represented for the first time in the World Materials Forum which will take place in Nancy, France June 12-14. The forum will cover the efficiency of the electronics supply chain, recycling of plastics, and smart materials for water management.

The G20 Ministerial on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth will take place June 15-16 in Nagano, Japan.

On July 3-5, the Chamber will lead the U.S. Business delegation to the B7 Summit in France. In meetings with the French President and executives from Canada, Germany, Japan, Italy and UK, we will develop a shared private sector input for the upcoming G7 Summit.

G20 Health Partnership

Resource Efficiency and Sustainability Task Force

Global Business Coalition