

Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity: National and Regional Initiatives Report

The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity: National and Regional Initiatives Report will serve as a guide for existing and future initiatives to refer to. It will include information from all initiatives on all the points seen below. The purpose of this report is to have the most essential and pertinent information about GPBB initiatives in one place, for easy access and visibility, as well as the up-to-date information as the annual report in each initiative's webpage. Because the makeup of each national and regional initiative is different, we hope this report highlights the key characteristics that comprise the GPBB initiatives.

1. General Information

Profile

<u>Description</u>: Please include a brief summary of the initiative while mentioning the date of creation, who it represents, and its main purpose.

Please answer here: Keidanren Nature Conservation Council (KNCC) is a sister organization of Keidanren, a comprehensive economic organization in Japan. It was established in 1992 when United Nations Conference on Environment and Development was held in Rio de Janeiro and currently chaired by Keiji NISHIZAWA.

Vision

<u>Description</u>: Please summarize the initiatives' vision in one sentence.

Please answer here: Contribution to GBF by Japanese business community

Mission

<u>Description</u>: Please summarize the initiatives' mission in one sentence.

Please answer here: Support of transition to nature positive economy in Japan

Objectives

Description: In point form, please include the main objectives of the initiative.

Please answer here:

- 1. Contribution through the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF)
- 2. Promotion for nature positive management



- 3. Facilitation of the environment for nature positive management
- 4. Collecting information on the latest trends in biodiversity overseas/ Dissemination of efforts by Japanese business

Funding, Budget and Resources

<u>Description</u>: Briefly describe the funding aspect of the initiative, including membership fees, external funding, donations, funding through events, etc.

Please answer here:

KNCC is run by membership fees.

KNCF is funded by contributions from Japanese companies (mainly Keidanren member companies) as well as their executives and employees as an individual donor.

Services and Activities

<u>Description</u>: In point form, please include the main services and activities that the initiative provides. These can include projects, events, workshops, information sharing, resource mobilization, capacity building, program development and implementation, case studies, policy recommendations, indicators and methodologies, etc.

Please answer here:

- 1. Contribution through the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF)
 - Support of the activities of environmental NGOs in developing countries particularly in Asia
 - Contribution to "the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative (COMDEKS) Phase 4" conducted by UNDP, in collaboration with the Japanese Ministry of Environment
- 2. Promotion for nature positive management
 - Promotion of "Keidanren Initiative for Biodiversity Conservation"
 - Mainstreaming nature-related financial information disclosure
 - · Call out for corporate efforts that contribute to the GBF and NBSAP
 - Provision of information and raising awareness through symposiums, etc.
- 3. Facilitation of the environment for nature positive management
 - Policy recommendation
 - Participation in international projects and initiatives to encourage Japanese business community's active engagement in building and improving the global frameworks in biodiversity
- 4. Collecting information on the latest trends in biodiversity overseas/ Dissemination of efforts by Japanese business
 - Delegation of research missions overseas



Dissemination of initiatives and opinions of the Japanese business community and Japanese companies through speeches at major conferences and dialogues with international organizations

Membership and Governance

<u>Description</u>: Please describe the membership and governance structures of the initiative, including the executive body, types of membership, levels of engagement and any associated organizations.

Please answer here: Keidanren **KNCC** (Japan Business Federation) Keidanren's sister Organization, 1500+ **140** member companies Member companies from various sectors. Established in 1992 Largest business organization in Japan. **Keidanren Nature Conservation Council (KNCC) Conservation Fund (KNCF)** Keiji NISHIZAWA, Chair/ Executive Advisor, Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. **Keidanren Nature** 3 Chair Emeritus, 12 Vice Chairs, 2 Auditors from the member companies **KNCC** sub-committee on planning Takao AIBA, Chair of sub-committee on planning/ Project General Manager, TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION 24 representatives from the member companies

5. Annual Updates

Businesses your initiative represents

<u>Description</u>: Please indicate the businesses that your initiative represents. Please provide **a full list** of their names and the total amount of businesses that are represented.

Please answer here:

KNCC is not a corporation, but the biggest platform of biodiversity connected with diverse stakeholders in Japanese business community.

KNCC member companies are Japanese private companies. For more information, please visit our website.

https://www.keidanren.net/kncf/en/committee/enterprises



Highlights of Work in 2024

Description: Please highlight outstanding works in 2024.

Please answer here:

- Top dialogue between Ms. Astrid Shomaker, Executive Secretary of CBD and KNCC chair
- Introduction of contribution to NBSAP by Japanese business community at GPBB annual meeting
- Publishment of a stance paper "The Japanese Business Community's Nature- Positive Initiatives and Expectations for CBD/COP16"
- Working with the Ministry of Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism as a committee member to formulate the fundamental policy based on the act of promotion of local biodiversity and the act of urban greenery, respectively
- Sending the delegation to CBD/COP16 headed by KNCC chair and participated by 46 people from 24 member companies and KNCC secretariat team. Co-hosting three side events and delivering 20 presentations in total at the side events, main forums (Business and Biodiversity Forum, Science-Policy Forum, and Finance and Biodiversity Day), and TNFD-related events.
- Participation in IUCN Leaders Forum headed by KNCC executive secretary
- Top dialogue and discussion sessions with IUCN, TNFD, UNDP, WBCSD, and WEF for member companies in person
- Further Promotion of TNFD in Japanese business community, which lead to achieving 150 TNFD adopters, the highest number in the world since its publishment

Reports, Platforms, or Publications Launched in 2024

<u>Description:</u> Please indicate reports, platforms, or publications launched by the initiative in 2024, if any.

Please answer here:

- The Japanese Business Community's Nature-Positive Initiatives and Expectations for CBD/COP16: https://www.keidanren.or.jp/en/policy/2024/074 initiatives.pdf
- "Examples of Concrete Actions Contributing to the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework (GBF)" — Annex to the Stance Paper for CBD/COP16 —: https://www.keidanren.or.jp/en/policy/2024/074 examples.pdf
- Questionnaire survey on corporate biodiversity actions in Japan: keidanren.net/kncf/pdf/en/Investigation result 2023.pdf
- SUPPORT TO THE GLOBAL EFFOETS FOR NATURE CONSERVATION funded by Japanese Business Community:
 - https://attachments.cbd.int/ceadb639e18fbfd59d96c85074ac14e8/[Full%20version%20of %20the%20case%20study]%20KNCC.pdf? gl=1*1d3fhcy* ga*MTQ4NDM5ODI1NS4xNzQ xOTU0NDIw* ga 7S1TPRE7F5*MTc0MTk1NDQyMC4xLjAuMTc0MTk1NDQyMC42MC4wLj A.



Planning of Work in 2025

<u>Description:</u> Please indicate the initiative's remarkable work in 2025.

Please answer here:

TBC (after approval of the annual meeting of KNCC in May 2025)

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