



# Businesses in Environmental Stewardship Network



## Aim

To provide a platform for the active participation and contribution of businesses to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, with particular emphasis on the environment, biodiversity, water, climate change as well as driving the transition to green business pathways.

## Goals

BESNet has three key goals that define its activities and programs. These goals are:



1. Businesses in Ghana become active players in policy initiatives that support the sustainability of natural resources;



2. BESNet to be a platform for the sharing of skills, knowledge and experiences on best practices that are profitable to businesses and beneficial to sustainable development;



3. BESNet to be a nationally recognized business network committed to environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation.

## Objectives

BESNet has a set of strategic objectives for its business engagement efforts, which include:

1. Assess the barriers and enablers for the conservation of natural resources by businesses, and implement initiatives that will promote positive outcomes;
2. Commit to actions and policy initiatives that support the protection of the environment and the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
3. Contribute skills, knowledge, experience and expertise on sustainable issues that benefit nature and are profitable to businesses;

4. Advocate for government policy interventions that address the drivers of environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, and enhance businesses' commitment to nature;
5. Mobilize resources for environmental sustainability actions;
6. Have a national voice of businesses for the security of natural capital.

## Role of individual members

The role of the individual members of the BESNet includes:



### Assess

A member is to measure, value and prioritize their impact and dependencies on nature and contribution to the SDGs.



### Commit

A member is to set internal targets that position the business towards “valuing” nature in its operations as well as internalizing the SDGs



### Transform

A member is to make a strategic shift in its model of operation and become an advocate for nature and the SDGs

## Membership

The membership of BESNet is open to all businesses with interest in and commitment to the sustainable use and management of natural resources and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in general.

BESNet was started with eight companies including; Guinness Ghana Breweries Limited (GGBL), Ghana Oil Palm Development Company Limited (GOPDC), Blue Skies Products Ghana Limited, Pambros Salt Industries Limited, Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL), Summit Industries Limited, Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited (BOPP) Accra Brewery Limited (ABL) and DC Alade Enterprise.

The network has seen tremendous growth with a current membership of over 30 businesses.



## COORDINATORS

BESNet is currently coordinated by A Rocha Ghana and International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



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