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## **BIAC Committee on Biotechnology**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Richard A. Johnson, Senior Partner at Arnold & Porter (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

Biotechnology is expanding in a growing number of economic sectors and has enormous potential to improve a broad range of activities. The BIAC Biotechnology Committee contributes to the wide range of OECD biotechnology-related projects, including industrial biotechnology, fostering human health-related biotechnology, promoting harmonisation of regulatory oversight for the products of modern biotechnology and international harmonisation in the safety assessments of novel foods and feeds. Going forward, a major focus will be on how biotechnology can contribute to delivering eco-efficiency and tackling green growth issues.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Harmonisation of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology
- Safety of Novel Foods and Feeds
- Biotechnology for Human Health
- Biotechnology for Sustainable Industrial Development
- Infrastructure, Statistics and IPR

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Low-level presence project
- Biotechnology and green growth
- Innovation in health
- Advancing harmonisation of regulatory oversight
- Protection of regulatory data

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## **BIAC Task Force on Bribery and Corruption**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Jean Monville, Honorary Chairman SPIE SA (France)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

With its Anti-Bribery Convention, the OECD has been leading the international fight against corruption. The BIAC Task Force on Bribery and Corruption supports OECD efforts to fight against corruption and ensure integrity and a level playing field for business. BIAC has and will continue to provide input to the review of the OECD Convention, as well as informing members about relevant anti-corruption instruments via the BIAC Anti-Bribery Resource Guide available on the BIAC public website.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Tackling Bribe Solicitation
- Implementation of OECD Convention

### **2011 Priorities**

- Contribute with business input to the G20 Anti-Bribery Action Plan
- Continue to encourage the OECD to give priority to the outreach activities addressing countries currently not adhering to the OECD Convention
- Participate in general awareness-raising activities on anti-bribery and corruption and inform business members about activities addressing bribery and corruption.

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## **BIAC Committee on Chemicals**

### **Chair:**

Dr. Hans-Jürgen Wiegand, Global Coordination for Product Stewardship, Evonik Degussa GmbH (Germany)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Chemicals Committee is involved in the wide range of OECD environment, health and safety activities, which play a major role by developing policies and instruments for chemical testing and assessment, fostering information sharing and providing a framework for the sharing of burden. By avoiding duplicative data requirements, the OECD chemicals program generates cost savings of about 150 million Euros annually for business and governments. An increasing number of non-member countries are adhering to the OECD system of Mutual Acceptance of Data, according to which data generated in a Member country in accordance with OECD Test Guidelines and Principles of Good Laboratory Practice shall be accepted in other Member countries for assessment purposes and other uses.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Hazard Assessment
- Test Guidelines
- Notification of New Chemicals
- Pollutant Release and Transfer Register
- (Q)SARs
- Chemicals Accidents
- Biocides and Pesticides
- Protection of Regulatory Data

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Continuing our active contribution to the OECD testing program
- Help shape OECD's contribution to global discussions (SAICM)
- Contribute to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of OECD chemicals program.

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## **BIAC Competition Committee**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Rufus A. Ogilvie-Smals, General Counsel, GKN plc, (United Kingdom)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Competition Committee informs and encourages senior regulators and antitrust enforcers to act consistently and proportionately in accordance with due process and best practice, with respect to the objectives of effective enforcement of competition laws. Its primary objective is maintenance of business competitiveness and the efficient operation of markets with a minimum necessary level of regulatory intervention. BIAC experts contribute to OECD projects addressing competition issues across all relevant business sectors and disciplines of antitrust through written contributions to OECD projects and direct dialogue with officials in the OECD Competition and other Committees.

### **Key issue areas:**

- Harmonisation of Merger Control Procedures
- International Anti-Trust Co-operation
- Protection of Confidential Information in Antitrust Co-operation
- Anti-Cartel Enforcement
- Trade and Competition Linkages
- Regulatory Reform and Competition Policy
- Global Forum with Non-Member Countries

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contribute papers and reflect business views to the OECD Roundtable discussion of the OECD Competition Committee, and its working parties on competition and regulation (WP2); International Co-operation and Enforcement (WP3)
- Continue dialogues with the OECD Competition Committee and its Working Parties as relevant on the issue of procedural fairness
- Participate to the annual OECD Global Forum on Competition, which addresses competition policy issues in the development context
- Address competition policy issues as it intersects with other policy areas i.e. consumer policy, Intellectual property rights issues (IPR), innovation, green growth, trade and investment
- Provide comments of the update of the Competition Chapter of the OECD MNE Guidelines

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## **BIAC Task Force on Consumer Policy**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Hubert van Breemen Senior Adviser, Consumer Affairs, Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) (Netherlands)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

BIAC works to ensure that in the globalised marketplace, consumer protection will be well balanced with business' interest for economic growth, and technological innovation. Key issues to be addressed in 2011 will include: consumer product safety, green claims, industry led regulation and a review of the OECD Consumer Protection Guidelines in the context of Electronic Commerce including analysis of selected consumer policy issues related issues such as on-line payment mechanisms and digital content.

### **Key issue areas:**

- Consumer product safety
- Industry led regulation
- Dispute resolution and redress
- Consumer protection enforcement co-operation
- Online consumer protection

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Ensure that business views on consumer protection issues, including aspects relating to ICT, are communicated to the OECD
- Advocate merits of industry led regulation (self regulation) and work with governments to convey understanding of successful self regulatory initiatives
- Provide continued input to the review of the OECD Consumer Protection Guidelines in the Context of Electronic Commerce
- Contribute to the review of the Consumer Interest Chapter in the 2011 Update of the OECD MNE Guidelines, including to the work on online payment systems
- Participate to the OECD Working Party on Consumer Product Safety
- Address consumer policy issues that intersect with competition policy

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## **BIAC Task Force on Corporate Governance**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Erik Belfrage, Senior Advisor to the Chairman, SEB (Sweden)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

With the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance the OECD has developed and maintains a leading international framework for good practices which assists governments in developing and enforcing effective rules, regulations and codes of corporate governance. BIAC provided business input to the development of the Principles and supports sound corporate governance policies as a framework for business activities.

BIAC also supports the OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises. These Guidelines offer concrete advice to Governments on corporate governance challenges that need to be addressed when the state is a corporate owner.

### **2011 Priorities:**

- The Task Force will continue its work of contributing input to the OECD in order to maintain the relevance of the OECD Corporate Governance Principles. This encompasses discussions with governments and stakeholders about potential new updates to this OECD instrument.
- Discussions on specific corporate governance issues, such as executive board practises and management remuneration, are planned to be continued within Task Force, based on further OECD analysis. Business contributions to a new OECD project on institutional investors are also envisaged.
- As governments are looking to and employing national state-owned enterprises to obtain economic growth it often has negative implications on global competitiveness and fairness. In this context the Task Force will continue its engagement in an OECD project programme on how to ensure a level playing field and thereby competitive neutrality in markets with state-owned enterprises.

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## **BIAC Economic Policy Committee**

### **Chair:**

Dr. Stephan Mumenthaler, Novartis International AG (Switzerland)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Economic Policy Committee advises the OECD on priorities for structural reforms and other policy issues for sustainable economic growth and job creation. It meets on average twice per year for joint BIAC-TUAC consultations with the bureau of the OECD Working Party on Macro-economic and Structural Policy Analysis and the OECD Economics Department. BIAC also participates in informal consultations with the Chair of the OECD Economic Policy Committee and the OECD Chief Economist. The Committee also frequently contributes input to high-level BIAC consultations with Ministers and Ambassadors.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Structural policy reforms
- Country-specific OECD Economic Surveys
- OECD Economic Outlook
- OECD Going for Growth reports

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contribute business perspectives to draft OECD reports relating to macroeconomic risk sharing, the return to work after the crisis, and green growth, as well as other work planned for the autumn.
- Review draft versions of the first edition of the forthcoming OECD “How’s Life” report, which aims to develop indicators and data for measuring the well-being and progress of societies in addition to the basic GDP measure.
- Provide guidance to BIAC’s high level statement to the May 2011 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting.
- Carry out a survey in second half of 2011 of BIAC member and observer organisations concerning their views on the implementation of the country-specific policy recommendations in the 2011 Going for Growth (to be published in April 2011). This survey will serve as a useful contribution to the OECD’s preparation of the 2012 Going for Growth report.

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## **BIAC Education Committee**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Attilio Oliva, Associazione TreeLLLe (Italy)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Education Committee works to ensure that education and training systems increasingly meet labour market needs including equipping individuals of all ages and social backgrounds to develop necessary skills to compete in the economy. The Committee provides input to OECD work on vocational education and training, skills development, teaching and school leadership, evaluation and assessment, school failure, and many other areas of activity.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Improving access to and quality in education systems for lifelong learning
- Skills development for increasing employability
- Evaluation of schools, teachers, head teachers, and students
- Vocational education and training
- Innovation in education
- Investing in education
- Improving teaching quality

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contribute employers' perspectives to the broad range of OECD education projects via biannual consultations with the bureau of the OECD Education Policy Committee (EDPC).
- Engage with the various OECD Directorates involved in developing the OECD Skills Strategy, which aims to work towards a proposed OECD Skills Outlook.
- BIAC lead representatives to OECD education projects shall participate in relevant meetings and review relevant documents pertaining to school failure, the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS), the feasibility study for the Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes (AHELO), effective teaching strategies, post-secondary vocational education and training, skills for entrepreneurship, developing innovation-oriented skills, and financial education. BIAC shall also closely follow developments in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and the Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC).

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## **BIAC Committee on Employment, Labour and Social Policy (ELSA)**

### **Chair:**

Dr. (Ms.) Ronnie Goldberg, Executive Vice President and Senior Policy Officer, United States Council for International Business (USCIB) (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

Advocate active employment and social policies which support sustainable economic growth. Ensure that macroeconomic and structural policy across key areas supports innovation and enterprise growth as the basis for private sector job creation. Ensure effective linkage between employment and education policy.

### **Key issues:**

- Labour market policy analysis and reform: *OECD Jobs Strategy*
- Employment, job creation and economic growth
- Education, training, skills and employment: *OECD Skills Strategy*
- Labour market participation, e.g. Youth employment, Older workers
- Financial sustainability and coverage of social benefit systems
- Labour market mobility
- Gender equality

### **2011 Priorities**

- Promote the revised OECD Jobs Strategy Recommendations and their positive implementation by governments including to provide business perspectives to OECD analysis on employment policies published as part of the Employment Outlook.
- Contribute jointly with the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and BIAC Member organisations to the G20 Labour Ministerial process under the French Presidency.
- Participate to the OECD Social Policy Ministerial, 2-3 May 2011 and ensure that OECD work on social policy is targeted on activation, and participation in the labour market, reflects the necessary balance between the needs of companies and employees, and promotes reforms for financially sustainable social benefit systems.
- Engage governments on importance of flexibility in labour markets including value of part time and temporary work, and the importance of effective interaction of social benefit systems with these flexible work approaches.
- Closely examine the linkage between employment and education, training and skills in context of OECD Skills Strategy.
- Work with the BIAC Task Force on Health Care to ensure that issues related to rising health care costs and consequences for non-wage labour costs are addressed in relevant OECD ELSA Committee work.

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## **BIAC Committee on Energy**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Holger Gassner, Head of Markets and Political Affairs at RWE Innogy (Germany)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Energy Committee brings together both energy producers and consumers and contributes to OECD energy-related discussions across different committees. BIAC also works with the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) on selected areas where a cross-sectoral business view is helpful.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Encouraging a Consistent Policy Framework for Investment in the Energy Sector
- Keeping all Energy Options Open for Energy Security
- Energy and Climate Change
- Fostering Innovation in the Energy Sector
- Good Governance in the Energy Sector

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contributing to IEA's preparations for COP 17
- IEA technology roadmaps
- Providing strategic input to the IEA Energy Business Council
- Energy in the context of green growth
- Addressing energy security issues in the light of current challenges

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## **BIAC Committee on Environment**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Russel Mills, Global Director of Energy and Climate Change Policy, The Dow Chemical Company (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Environment Committee works in close co-operation with the OECD on a wide range of issues, including climate change, resource efficiency, sustainable materials management and implementing policy measures that are both cost-effective and environmentally efficient. The overall focus remains on economic-environmental policy integration, an area, in which the OECD can bring significant added value to international discussions. The Committee works closely with other BIAC policy groups on cross-cutting issues, such as green growth, investment and environment, and eco-innovation.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Economic and Environmental Policy Integration
- Green Growth Strategy
- Climate Change
- Resource efficiency
- Innovation to address environmental challenges
- Addressing biodiversity concerns

### **2011 Priorities:**

- OECD preparations for COP 17
- Contribute to further work on the OECD Green Growth strategy and Rio+20
- How to finance of climate change action
- Environment and competitiveness
- Sustainable Materials Management

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## **BIAAC Task Force on Export Credits**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Stephen W. Howlett, Managing Director, Government Finance & Advocacy, GE Capital Markets Corporate (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

Officially supported export credits are an important instrument helping companies to win export business and to invest overseas. The OECD is setting the terms and conditions for the orderly use of export credit support in member countries. The BIAAC Export Credit Task Force advises the OECD on how to maintain the practicability and efficiency of official export credit support as a tool for export promotion. The key priority is to avoid that OECD rules unfairly disadvantage OECD exporters against competitors from emerging economies.

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Provide input to the review of the OECD export credits guidelines (the OECD Common Approaches on the Environment and Officially Supported Export Credits).
- Provide input to a new OECD Sector Understanding on Export Credits for Climate Change Mitigation and Water Projects.
- Engagement with the OECD on any export credit developments of relevance to business. review

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## **BIAC Finance Task Force**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Christian Schricke, Société Générale (France)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

Created in January 2011, the Task Force primarily seeks to engage with the OECD Committee on Financial Markets, but also aims to provide input to a broad range of OECD activities relating to finance issues.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Financial regulation
- Financial education and consumer protection (on which OECD has been tasked to carry out work for the G20)
- Financing to meet global challenges (e.g. climate change solutions, water and sanitation, etc.).

### **2011 Priorities**

- Contribute industry perspectives and expertise to the drafting of the Common Principles on Financial Consumer Protection, for submission by OECD to the G20 Finance Ministers in October 2011.
- Participate in the G20 French Presidency/OECD Seminar on Financial Consumer Protection, to be held in mid-October 2011.
- Participate in the OECD Financial Roundtable on the New Financial Regulatory Landscape.
- Strengthen co-operation with the Committee on Financial Markets and its related sub-groups.

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## **BIAC Food & Agriculture Committee**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Niels Nordgaard, Nordic Sugar A/S (Denmark)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Food and Agriculture Committee contributes to OECD discussions on agricultural policy reform, as well as issues relating to food, trade and the environment. The Committee works closely with other BIAC policy groups on cross-cutting areas, and provides input to a growing range of issues across several OECD working parties, including the OECD Working Party on Agricultural Policies and Markets, the OECD Food Chain Analysis Network, the OECD Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment, and the OECD Group on Commodity Markets.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Sustainable agriculture
- Trade and investment in agriculture
- Innovation to address food security
- Commodity prices
- Food chain issues

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contribute actively towards the recently created OECD Food Chain Analysis Network, particularly to planned work on private sector-led sustainability standards.
- Contribute BIAC views towards G20-tasked OECD work on mitigating and managing price volatility in agricultural commodity markets, ahead of the G20 Agriculture Ministers meeting in June 2011 in Paris.
- Contribute BIAC views towards the forthcoming OECD report on a Green Growth Strategy for Agriculture.
- Identify BIAC speakers and participants for the planned OECD Conference on Agricultural Knowledge Systems (June 2011, Paris).
- Participate in the OECD Global Forum on Agriculture (November 2011, Paris).

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## **BIAC Governance Committee**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Jens Hedström, President of the Board, Swedish Industry and Commerce for Better Regulation (NNR) (Sweden)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

BIAC advocates pro-competitive, transparent, predictable and quality regulatory frameworks that support business, entrepreneurship and innovation with minimum administrative burden. The BIAC Governance Committee contributes to OECD work on Regulatory Policy that undertakes analysis on regulatory aspects of competition and market openness, in addition to quality and impact of regulation across sectors. BIAC contributes to the OECD reviews of national regulatory frameworks, and also provides input to OECD projects that develop guidance for greater transparency and accountability in public procurement systems.

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Participation in the OECD's Regulatory Reform Peer Reviews
- Promotion of broader scope for regulatory impact assessment
- Increased stakeholder engagement in governance policy development
- Administrative simplification
- Regulation and competition
- Outreach to non-OECD economies in the work with regulatory quality and reform

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## **Biac Task Force on Health Care**

### **Chair:**

Ms. Nicole Denjoy, Secretary General, European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR) (Belgium)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Task Force on Health Care contributes the views and expertise of the private sector to the on-going OECD work of the OECD on matters related to health care. It represents employers in the business sector at large, including sectors, such as private hospitals, biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical information systems and technologies, food and beverages as well as sports. Recognising the significant challenges health care systems are facing, work in 2011 will focus on the implementation of the mandates coming out of the October 2010 OECD Health Ministerial. Among others, BIAC will follow closely further work on the economics of prevention, ICT in health care, mental health, health care quality as well as ageing societies and implications for health care.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Sustainability of health care systems
- Improving the efficiency and quality of health care
- Innovation in health care
- Foster a solid infrastructure and appropriately trained workforce
- Promote disease prevention and healthy lifestyles

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Address challenges related to ageing and foster healthy ageing
- Innovation in health care across sectors to improve efficiency
- Contribute to further work on prevention
- Address mental health issues
- Co-organise OECD's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for health care

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## **BIAC Ad Hoc Group on Green Growth**

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Ad Hoc Group on Green Growth, which brings together experts from a range of different committees, provides cross-cutting and cross-sectoral business expertise to the development of the OECD Green Growth Strategies, which will result in several reports to the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in 2011. Green growth will remain high on BIAC's agenda as the OECD will continue to play a role in global efforts to promote green growth beyond the 2011 Ministerial meeting. In view of the fundamental importance that business at large has to play in making green growth a reality, active business involvement is essential.

### **Key issue areas:**

- How to foster innovation and investment for green growth
- Fostering green growth at a global level
- Designing an overall supportive policy framework for green growth
- Education, skills, employment and green growth

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## **BIAC Committee on Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP)**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Joseph Alhadeff, Vice President for Global Public Policy and Chief Privacy Officer  
Oracle Corporation (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC ICCP Committee covers all aspects of OECD analysis and development of Information Communications Technology (ICT) policy guidance. Building on the outcomes of the 2008 OECD Seoul Ministerial on the Future of the Internet Economy, BIAC advocates the necessary policy frameworks that promote: investment and innovation in ICT and their supporting communications infrastructure; the diffusion of ICT goods and services across all sectors; online security and privacy; and benefits to Internet users and consumers.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Internet Policy
- Broadband/telecommunications Infrastructure and regulation
- Online Security and Privacy
- Online/Digital Content issues
- Mobile Communications
- ICT services innovation/Cloud Computing
- ICT and the Environment
- ICT Statistics (economic social impacts of the internet)

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Actively participate to the June 2011 OECD High Level Meeting on *The Internet Economy: Generating Innovation and Growth*
- Contribute to shaping and developing the OECD project to develop a New broadband and Internet Economy Metrics
- Contribute to the review of the OECD Privacy Guidelines
- Contribute to OECD work to develop a set of Internet Policy Principles
- Continue to engage in the OECD ICCP work on Internet Intermediaries
- Participate to the October 2011 OECD Technology Foresight Forum on Evolving Mobile Wireless Platforms and applications, in addition to AV sector/digital content issues
- Contribute to review of the OECD Guidelines for Consumer Protection Online, including to contribute to work on online payment systems

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## **BIAC Committee on International Investment and MNEs**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Stephen J. Canner, Senior Advisor, United States Council for International Business (USCIB) (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Committee on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises continues to pursue the importance of improved investment conditions for business. This Committee is also active in the field of corporate social responsibility and the work with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, which are non-binding recommendations to companies on responsible business conduct. The Committee promote the Guidelines with companies and the Committee also shares its views and experience related to the implementation of the Guidelines with the OECD.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- Promoting the freedom of investment

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contribute to the 2011 update and implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- Continue to pursue the importance of improved investment conditions and support the OECD's leading role in helping to obtain this

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## **BIAC Committee on Nanotechnology**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Terry L. Medley, Global Director at Corporate Regulatory Affairs DuPont (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Nanotechnology Committee has made great strides towards providing strong and broad-based business input to OECD activities. In particular, BIAC provides direct input to the OECD sponsorship programme for the safety testing of a representative set of manufactured nanomaterials, acting as lead/co-sponsor or contributor for a number of materials. BIAC also provides input to OECD work on encouraging innovation in nanotechnology, fostering a sound business environment for nanotechnology and nanotechnology for specific applications, such as food, medicines and energy.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Safety Testing of a Representative Set of Nanomaterials
- Environment, Health and Safety Research Strategies
- Nanomaterials and Test Guidelines
- Co-operation on Voluntary Schemes and Regulatory Programmes and on Risk Assessment
- Statistics and Measurement
- Impacts and Business Environment
- International Research Collaboration

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Continued BIAC input to the OECD sponsorship program
- Fostering an enabling business environment for nanotechnology
- Nanotechnology and green growth

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## **BIAC Ad Hoc Group on Private Pensions**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Michel Benoit, Partner, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (Canada)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Ad Hoc Group on Private Pensions covers economic and regulatory issues related to private pension schemes including funding, governance, protection of benefits, and financial education. The BIAC group advocates that regulation of pension plans must balance the interest of all stakeholders, including sponsor organisations. BIAC works to ensure this balance on the range of policy guidance developed by OECD on occupational pension defined benefit (DB) plans as well as defined contribution plans (DC).

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Regulatory frameworks and accounting approaches for defined benefit and defined contribution plans
- Sustainability of private pensions schemes
- Pension fund governance
- Financial education

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Provide business perspective to governments on Economic and Regulatory Issues related to Private Pension Schemes including Funding, Governance, Protection of Benefits, and Financial Education
- Contribute to the Policy Guidance developed by OECD on Occupational Pension Defined Benefit (DB) Plans
- Follow and contribute as appropriate to work of the IOPS through participation to the OECD WPPP

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## **BIAC Raw Materials Committee**

### **Chair:**

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### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

Recognising the importance of a smooth functioning of raw materials markets, the BIAC Raw Materials Committee promotes a broad-based OECD programme on raw material security issues. In view of the growing number of export restrictions which have had serious implications for business in a range of different sectors and countries, BIAC attaches great importance to the issue of export restrictions applied by Governments.

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Continued engagement in OECD work on export restrictions on raw materials and call for an expanded role of the OECD in this area
- Increase the understanding of supply side factors and help address barriers to investment in mining exploration as well as weak governance.
- Foster a well-functioning recycling sector, which is important for ensuring raw materials security.

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## **BIAC Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Affairs**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Chris Lenon, Strategic Advisor, Rio Tinto (United Kingdom)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

Guarantee predictable, stable and transparent tax frameworks and tax administrative practices for the elimination of double taxation and of undue barriers to economic activity in the international business environment.

Positively influence the OECD policy initiatives and their implementation in the area of tax; ensure business needs and realities are adequately addressed in OECD tax and policy decisions and instruments; provide BIAC members with timely information on OECD tax-related activities and policies and their implication; expand BIAC Tax Committee work to address business concerns in OECD non-Member countries.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Tax treaty issues
- Transfer pricing
- Indirect tax
- Tax policy analysis
- Tax administration
- Tax policy and development

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Ensure that the OECD Model Tax Convention and Transfer Pricing Guidelines reflect current international business models and transactions, including through specific projects such as the OECD Project on Definition of Permanent Establishment, the OECD project on Intangibles, the OECD project on Taxation and Tradable Permits and the project on Treaty Relief and Compliance Enhancement (TRACE) (formerly the project on collective investment vehicles).
- Ensure business perspectives are reflected in work of the OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, addressing four main issue areas: Country by country reporting; state and capacity building in related to tax revenue agencies and policy development, transfer pricing, and information exchange.
- Engage in dialogue with the Forum on Tax Administration (FTA) on tax administration and related enforcement co-operation issues
- Engage in the development of the OECD VAT/GST Framework and Guidance for the cross-border delivery of services and use of intangibles through participation to the Technical Advisory group (TAG) providing examples ensure the project reflects current business models

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- Continue work toward improving the Mutual Agreement Procedure through business engagement in the OECD project on dispute resolution and continue to advocate arbitration as a supplementary mechanism in the resolution of international tax disputes
  - Contribute to the OECD Accession and Enhanced Engagement processes as they relate to tax, including in the current process regarding Russian
  - Build active dialogue with major emerging economies including China, India and Brazil on tax issues

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## **BIAC Committee on Technology**

### **Chair:**

Dr. Botaro Hirosaki, Senior Executive Vice President and Member of the Board of NEC Corporation (Japan)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Technology Committee contributes business input to OECD discussions on how science, technology and innovation contribute to sustainable growth and addressing global challenges. In line with the outcome of the OECD Innovation Strategy, BIAC recommends a cross-cutting approach to the task of understanding and fostering innovation and to align policy work to the changing global context and new innovation drivers as they come up. In addition to providing high-level input to cross-cutting OECD initiatives, such as the implementation of the Innovation Strategy and the development of the Green Growth Strategy, specific projects BIAC is directly involved in include work on knowledge markets, intellectual assets, demand-side policies, as well as innovation in specific fields, such as nanotechnology, health, energy or software and eco- innovation.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Taking a whole-of-government approach to innovation
- Fostering an overall innovation-friendly policy framework
- Intellectual assets, value creation and economic growth
- Gaining benefits from co-operation in globally connected societies
- Fostering innovation for green growth and addressing other global challenges
- Working with major non-member economies

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Contribute a broad-based innovation perspective to green growth discussions
- Knowledge markets and collaborative mechanisms
- Explore new ways of fostering the spread of technologies
- Intellectual assets and value creation
- Convergence of technologies

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## **BIAC Committee on Trade**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Geoffrey B. Gamble, Director of International Governmental Affairs, DuPont (United States)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Trade Committee's primary objective is to secure support for a trade liberalisation agenda that delivers the benefits of global open markets. In the context of the current economic situation, it is more important than ever for governments to refrain from protectionist measures. BIAC participates in several OECD projects and activities that seek to provide a strong foundation of evidence from which the benefits of free trade can be clearly communicated.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Promoting trade liberalisation
- Trade and employment
- Trade in services
- Trade facilitation

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Encourage the OECD and its member governments to push for a timely and balanced conclusion to the WTO Doha Development Round negotiations.
- Provide input into the OECD-led project on the connection of trade and employment policies.
- Track developments and provide business input to the OECD project to develop a Services Trade Restrictiveness Index.

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## **BIAC Ad-Hoc Group on Water**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Jack Moss, AquaFed - The International Federation of Private Water Operators (France)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Ad-Hoc Group on Water contributes to the OECD Horizontal Water Programme and other OECD water-related activities, concentrating on sustainable water and sanitation management. The Group is providing input on issues relating to water pricing, strategic financing and policy coherence, as well as water quality in agriculture and broader issues relating to green growth.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Financing and pricing
- Sustainability issues
- Policy coherence

### **2011 Priorities**

- Contribute BIAC perspectives to the OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems on various projects relating to water.
- Engage in the preparations for the OECD Global Forum on Environment due to take place in October 2011 in Paris, which shall this year focus on water.
- Provide guidance to a proposed new OECD project on water security and water policy reforms.
- Provide early inputs to OECD's draft contributions to the 2012 World Water Forum.

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## **BIAC Non-Member Economies Committee**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Bruno Dupety, Vinci Construction plc (France)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Committee on Non-Member Economies actively supports OECD dialogue with emerging economies about good policy practices for improving the business environment in all countries. The Committee oversees the Ad-Hoc Group on Africa, China Task Force, MENA Task Force and Russia Task Force, and also provides business input to OECD activities relating to other countries and regions, such as Central Asia, Latin America (particularly Brazil) and Southeast Asia (particularly India and Indonesia). The Committee works closely with other BIAC policy groups on cross-cutting policy issues.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Improving the investment climate and general “doing business environment” in emerging and developing economies
- Providing guidance towards OECD enlargement and enhanced engagement processes with OECD non-member countries
- Supporting the promotion of OECD instruments to non-OECD countries
- Fostering relations between BIAC Observer organisations and OECD

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Provide international business speakers and participants to the March 2011 Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)’s first Green Manufacturing Summit in New Delhi, which is organised in co-operation with BIAC and the OECD.
- Identify potential business speakers and participants to the second regional meeting of the OECD-Latin American and Caribbean Investment Initiative, to be held in Colombia in July 2011.
- Contribute to the planned OECD-Central Asia Ministerial Conference, planned to take place in Prague in June 2011.
- Contribute BIAC comments to OECD reviews of specific emerging and/or developing countries where relevant.

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## **BIAC Ad-Hoc Group on Africa**

### **Chair:**

Ms. Marie Gad, Confederation of Danish Industry (Denmark)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC Ad-Hoc Group on Africa provides input to OECD activities on Sub-Saharan Africa, mainly relating to the OECD-NEPAD Investment Initiative and the OECD's Enhanced Engagement with South Africa.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Developing the investment environment
- Promoting anti-corruption initiatives
- Encouraging greener growth

### **2011 Priorities**

- Develop a BIAC-led business statement to the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative's 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference entitled "Accelerating the pace of reform: mobilising infrastructure and agricultural investment in Africa", to be held on 26-27 April in Dakar, Senegal.
- Identify several international business speakers to participate in the above-mentioned event.
- Contribute to other ongoing work in the NEPAD-OECD Investment Initiative, including the adaptation of the OECD Policy Framework for Investment (PFI) in the area of agricultural investment in Africa, and OECD reviews of investment policies in certain African countries.
- Contribute to OECD reviews on South Africa across several policy areas.

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## **BIAC Task Force on China**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Joerg Wuttke, BASF China Company Limited (Germany)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC China Task Force provides strategic guidance to OECD-China co-operation, as part of the OECD Enhanced Engagement programme, as well as expert inputs to specific OECD projects on China. In recent years, the Task Force has provided comments on OECD reviews of China on innovation, investment, environmental performance, regulatory reform and economic policy.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Contributing towards OECD-China co-operation
- Investment, trade, environment, competition, and several other policy areas where OECD-China work is carried out

### **2011 Priorities:**

- Foster dialogue and co-operation between BIAC and Chinese business organisations.
- Provide strategic guidance towards the OECD Informal Reflection Group on China, as well as senior OECD Secretariat representatives, with a view to improving OECD-China co-operation.
- Providing written input towards a possible forthcoming OECD investment policy review of China, and any other OECD China reviews.

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## **BIAC Task Force on Middle East and North Africa (MENA)**

### **Chair:**

Vacant

### **Vice-Chair:**

Ms. Catherine Minard, Mouvement des Entreprises de France (MEDEF) (France)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

The BIAC MENA Task Force contributes to the OECD-MENA Initiative, primarily focusing on improving the investment environment in the MENA region as well as governance issues.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Improving the investment and governance in the MENA region
- MENA region energy policies
- Gender issues

### **2011 Priorities**

- Work with the BIAC Energy Committee to provide guidance towards the OECD-MENA Business Council and its Energy Task Force, focusing on improving energy investment in the MENA region.
- Identify BIAC participants and possible speakers for frequent OECD-MENA meetings in the MENA region relating to investment and governance issues.
- Provide input to the OECD-MENA Women's Business Forum activities on promoting women's entrepreneurship in the MENA region.

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## **BIAC Task Force on Russia**

### **Chair:**

Mr. Erman Ilicak, Renaissance Development (Turkey)

### **Mission Statement/Committee Objective:**

As Russia is currently in the process of applying for OECD membership, the BIAC Russia Task Force is focusing on providing private sector guidance during OECD-Russia accession discussions.

### **Key Issue Areas:**

- Investment
- Trade
- Rule of law, administrative simplification, anti-corruption
- Intellectual property rights
- Competition and the role of the State
- Taxation

### **2011 Priorities**

- Develop a new cross-cutting paper on “Improving the Russian Business Environment” as input towards the OECD accession reviews of Russia (this paper has now been submitted to the OECD Council).
- Seek opportunities to engage with the OECD Economics Department in the preparation of the 2011 Economic Survey of Russia.
- Seek an opportunity to engage in a possible meeting with the OECD Secretary General and other senior OECD Secretariat representatives to discuss aspects of the BIAC paper on Improving the Russian Business Environment.

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