

# **The LA DEFENSE Declaration**

## **on sustainable development**

### **in business districts**

The World Business Districts Summit for Sustainable Development

Having met at Paris La Défense on 14 and 15 February

Bearing in mind that:

- an international movement to save our planet is taking shape,
- a radical change in our habits and lifestyle is vital to curb and stem the current hazardous trend,
- individual and collective awareness is finally raising,
- economic development can and must contribute to Sustainable Development,

**We,**

**Business Districts and related stakeholders,**  
**declare our intention to :**

- Engage into a result-driven approach in terms of managing the environment, developing more energy-efficient processes and improving living and working conditions in Business Districts,
- Wish to affiliate with the Business Districts network established by EPAD,
- Wish to contribute actively to :
  - Decreasing energy consumption and raising the share of renewable energy
  - Monitoring the water cycle, air quality and materials usage
  - Reducing, recycling and managing waste
  - Elaborating sustainable transportation plans
  - Fostering the development of mixed-use and multifunctional areas
  - Creating user-friendly and secure living conditions
  - Promoting a knowledge-based economy, through capacity-building and transfer of technology and skills
  - Establishing a pro-active and gratifying working environment
  - Achieving better governance in Business Districts
  - Strengthening collaboration between Business Districts