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BIOGRAPHICAL OVERVIEW / SUMMARY



Robin van Puyenbroeck is a global expert and consultant on political and organizational strategies for facilitating global networks and partnerships.

Prior to 2011, he worked as the Executive Director at the Global Partnerships Forum, a unique platform that facilitates innovative and multi-stakeholder public-private partnerships for development. He continues to serve as a Strategic Advisor and Implementing Partner at the Forum. Robin also serves as International Coordinator for the Pearl Initiative, a private sector-led initiative which focuses on creating a greater culture of transparency and accountability in the

Arabian Gulf. The initiative is based at the American University of Sharjah, UAE, where a regional Center for Corporate Responsibility is being developed. He has held both positions since 2010.

Previous to his current engagements, Robin worked at ING Group after having been selected for the Group's Global Management Program in 2001. His career at ING Group allowed him to gain extensive experience in finance, marketing, business management and client relationship management. From 2006 to 2009, Robin was Vice President at ING Global Clients in New York where he managed relationships between senior officials of multinational corporations and all facets of the bank. In this capacity he worked with major corporations from the aerospace, engineering and packaging sectors. Before moving to New York Robin was Business Manager of the Natural Resources sector at ING Global

Clients in Amsterdam. He also worked for ING in Brussels and Toronto. Prior to joining ING he was an attorney with Ernst & Young Law in Brussels.

Robin has a strong foothold in the international affairs arena and is actively engaged in numerous non-profit organizations. He serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of NY and as a Steering Committee Member of the New Leaders program at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He is also a fellow at the Next Generation Project of Columbia University's American Assembly and the Strauss Center for International Security and Law. In addition, he serves on the Advisory Board of Kuona Foundation and the Advisory Group on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development with the Public-Private Alliance Foundation.

Robin holds an LL.M. in international law (Hons.) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and a JD (Hons.) from the University of Ghent, Belgium. He also studied European law at the Universidad de Valencia, Spain, and holds a Certificate in Global Affairs (Hons.) from New York University. He speaks Flemish, English, French, Spanish and some German.