

Margaret Flaherty

Margaret's 25-year career has focused on leading coalitions of multinational companies, "visible rivals", to be the voice of business on the sustainable development agenda. Her work centers on building business & trade associations that are impactful, influential and innovative.

She is currently a Professor at the Business School Lausanne, teaching business strategy and sustainability courses at both the Master's and undergraduate levels. She is also a faculty member at the De Tao Master's Academy in Shanghai, China and is a Senior Advisor to FSG's Share Value Initiative. Prior to her affiliations with FSG and BSL, she was Chief Operating Officer/Chief of Staff at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), a Geneva-based business organisation she helped launch ~20 years ago.

Margaret is currently a member Abbott's (US pharmaceutical company) Corporate Citizenship Council. She has also served in a similar capacity for Caterpillar (USA), Areva (France), AccountAbility (UK) and the Business and Human Rights Council (UK). She has a M.Sc from Tufts University (Boston) and a Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law (Boston). She has also completed Executive Education Programs at both Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard Business School.

