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Welcome to the United Nations (UN) Global Compact section of the Rio Tinto website.

**Statement of support from Jan du Plessis, Chairman of Rio Tinto**

2010 marked the 10th anniversary of Rio Tinto's signatory to the United Nations Global Compact. Ten years on Rio Tinto remains committed to its ten principles and to promoting the Global Compact wherever we operate. As Chairman of Rio Tinto I am proud to confirm Rio Tinto's continued support for this important initiative.

The UN Global Compact's ten principles are reflected in Rio Tinto's policies, standards and guidance and are embedded in our overall approach to sustainable development. In particular, we have enhanced our commitment to anti-corruption by revising *The way we work*, our code of conduct, refined our guidelines for information gathering and relaunched *Speak-OUT*, our independently administered confidential whistleblowing programme.

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["The way we work"](#), Rio Tinto's [global code of conduct](#), was [relaunched on 9 December 2009](#). [The new edition supersedes business unit codes of conduct and establishes a common Group wide code.](#)

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan du Plessis'.

Jan du Plessis, Chairman Rio Tinto plc

What is the UN Global Compact?

The [UN Global Compact](#) is an accord between the United Nations and business for cooperation and promotion in upholding a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour standards, environmental practice and anti corruption. These values are reflected in ten principles. [Read more about the United Nations Global Compact.](#)

Rio Tinto and the UN Global Compact

Rio Tinto is a founding member of the Global Compact having become a signatory in 2000. Ten years on we remain committed to the ten principles of the Global Compact which are reflected in our policy, standards and guidance.

We communicate our progress (COP) annually and our 2008 COP was recognised by the Global Compact office as 'Notable'. The [Notable COP Programme](#) was introduced in 2004 to highlight and recognise outstanding Communications on Progress (COP). COPs featured in the Notable COP programme are selected because of their adherence to the COP policy and because they represent illustrative and inspirational examples of communicating progress.

Rio Tinto are active members of the [UK Network of the Global Compact](#) and a member of the Network's [Communication on Progress working group](#).

We regularly participate in Global Compact working groups and events such as the Human Rights' Working Group, the Local Network meetings and the Leaders Summits (Geneva 2007 and June 2010).

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