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H.E. António Guterres

Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the International Rice Research Institute supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways. Through the UNGC network, IRRI aims to be at the forefront of global collective sustainability actions, contributing innovative science and evidence-based research outcomes that can help to effectively and rapidly develop and scale solutions on the ground to address the key challenges that primarily affect the most vulnerable and poor people. IRRI is committed to prioritizing its research, its partnerships, its advocacy efforts on climate-resilient agriculture, sustainable food systems, methane and other GHG-emission, biodiversity and the environment in general as part of a paradigm shift for addressing hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and social inequities through a system lens.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the Global Compact is the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to reporting on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,



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Director General
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