

Communication on Engagement 2016 to the UN Global Compact

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ICEP – Institut zur Cooperation bei Entwicklungs-Projekten – joined the United Nations Global Compact in 2009. As an independent Austrian development organisation with the objective to bring people to business and business to the people, ICEP advises partners in developing countries as well as companies on how to integrate poor people into economic cycles and implements projects worldwide. With its corporAID Platform, ICEP offers companies a forum for knowledge exchange, discourse and mainstreaming of business and development as well as global corporate social responsibility issues. To set up sustainable solutions and drive business and development forward, ICEP constantly tries to bring global responsibility into the horizon of business practices. The ten principles of the UN Global Compact are a key basis for a shared understanding, which we are strongly committed to and try to advance in our sphere of influence.

In 2016, ICEP contributed to the UN Global Compact Principles in the following areas:

Business Partnerships

ICEP supports companies to create an added value for their businesses and society along their global value chain, especially in cooperation with the business partnership program of the Austrian Development Agency. In 2016, a project on agricultural supply chain certification in Mexico was completed successfully, another project in Fiji is still in progress. Two projects for the vocational training in Mexico and Turkey were successfully given autonomy. Furthermore, ICEP conducted a study concerning vocational training in Kenya for an automation technology company and a study for the development of the glazing branche in Kenya and Nigeria for a glass processing machine company.

Awareness, Dialogue and Knowledge Exchange

For the past 14 years, through corporAID ICEP has been providing new perspectives on business opportunities in emerging and developing countries and has been demonstrating how companies



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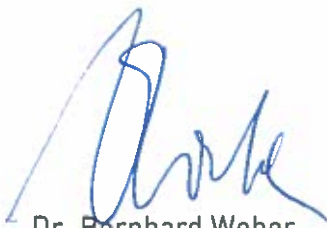
can successfully address the challenges in these regions. With various activities ICEP highlighted the synergies between the private sector and development cooperation and showed how a business-oriented international development agenda combined with sound corporate responsibility can foster innovative solutions for sustainable global development. In 2016, ICEP published 6 more issues of corporAID, covering all UN Global Compact Principles. Since October 2016, the magazine has been a supplement to the Austrian daily newspaper Die Presse. Linked to this, the circulation has been increased from 40,000 to 74,000 copies. In November 2016, the annual business and development-conference tackled the question of how the Austrian contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals SDG can be created. Additionally, ICEP hosted various other dialogue and exchange fora on topics like Sustainable Sourcing, Frugal Innovation, SDG & Business or Vocational Training in Developing Countries. Furthermore, ICEP fostered the exchange between CSR experts through workshops and seminars on the topics of Business and Development and Global CSR.

Participation in Policy Processes

ICEP has taken part in national policy processes and participated in Austrian networks that had the potential to enhance the active role of companies in achieving a sustainable and inclusive economy. 2016 the corporAID platform successfully pushed the Import Information Hub Austria, which was launched in November. In May, ICEP started a stakeholder dialogue with roundtables and personal talks with representatives of CSR and business development.

Detailed information can be found in the Annual Report 2016, which is attached to this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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