

The Global Compact: GDF SUEZ renews its commitment

The Global Compact was launched in 2000 under the ægis of the United Nations. It asks companies and other organizations to support the United Nations goals and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption.

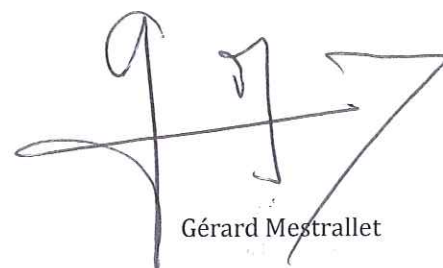
The results of the Global Compact are clear: in 2012, it has nearly 8700 members, including 6,000 companies in 130 countries. The Global Compact Local Networks make a crucial contribution to adapting the ten principles locally, and I firmly believe that they can play an important role in promoting green growth. Indeed, they are in a position not only to bolster development initiatives, but also to facilitate dialogue with the various stakeholders and form constructive partnerships based on mutual trust. The aim of the French Global Compact network, which I chair, is to encourage French companies to embrace the principles of the Global Compact. More than 800 companies and organizations are members. The French network facilitates exchanges of best practices and organizes meetings with leaders in the field of sustainable development and corporate responsibility. It also helps small and medium-sized businesses prepare their annual Global Compact report.

As a member of the Global Compact, GDF SUEZ, a major global industrial firm, is helping to promote the ten principles by developing its businesses (electricity, natural gas, energy services and environment) around a responsible-growth model. The GDF SUEZ Group's Sustainable Development policy, its principles of corporate governance, and its foremost charters all comply with the principles of the Global Compact

For a company like ours, efforts such as combating climate change, responding to energy needs, ensuring the security of supply and optimizing the use of resources are priorities. GDF SUEZ has signed the two Global Compact initiatives: Caring for Climate and the CEO Water Mandate. GDF SUEZ has developed its management of renewable energies while maximizing the energy efficiency of its production facilities. At the end of 2011, in the renewable energy sector, GDF SUEZ had a global cumulative capacity of more than 16 GW, including 11 GW from hydroelectricity, more than 4 GW from wind power and nearly 1,000 MW from biomass and biogas.

To provide access to essential services for the most vulnerable populations, GDF SUEZ has developed economically viable solutions tested in several countries with support from local governments, sponsors, social entrepreneurs and companies. This year, the Group also created an international social programme entitled "Rassembleurs d'Energies" Its aim is to support social entrepreneurs working to provide sustainable access to energy for poorer populations and reduce energy poverty in France and around the world.

GDF SUEZ is proud to be a member of the Global Compact and to integrate the ten principles into our industrial activities worldwide. As Chairman of the French Global Compact network, I am delighted with the vitality and growing recognition of the Compact. It is a pleasure for me to renew the Group's commitment to incorporating the ten principles of the Global Compact into our strategy for sustainable and responsible growth.



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