

October 9, 2009

Executive Director
Global Compact Office
United Nations Secretariat
New York, NY 10017

Re: Stakeholder Report

Dear Director,

St. Thomas University is most pleased to submit our Stakeholder Report covering the period since our becoming a Global Compact stakeholder in 2007. The university has successfully undertaken to advance the four focus areas of the Global Compact, namely, the areas of Human Rights, Labor Standards, the Environment and Anti-Corruption

In February 2007 the university held a conference to promote and explain the goals and explain the Global Compact to the South Florida business community. We were greatly assisted by your office with materials and support for the conference. We also enjoyed the participation in our conference of corporate leaders from major European company stakeholders, along with Dr. Thomas Gass, Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

St. Thomas University looks forward to continuing to promote the Global Compact to our students and the business community of South Florida and to a long relationship as Global Compact stakeholder.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur W. Kane

Director

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HUMAN RIGHTS:

- The Law School offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program in Intercultural Human Rights. It enrolls about 30 students from over 20 different countries per year, and has graduated a total of 270 students to date.
- It also offers a Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) Program in Intercultural Human Rights, with 19 students presently enrolled. The best theses emanating from this program are published by Martinus Nijhoff in a series entitled "Studies in Intercultural Human Rights."
- Distinguished lecturers in this program include professors from the Yale Law School, former and present members of the UN Human Rights Committee, other UN human rights bodies, the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Human Rights Watch.
- The founder and Director of the program serves as the Chair of the International Law Association's Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, where he is directing the project of writing a Commentary on the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law features him online with a lecture on the "Rights and Status of Indigenous Peoples."
- The Executive Director of the program, who received her doctoral degree in law summa cum laude from the University of Potsdam, facilitated the Miami Declaration of Principles on Human Trafficking. The Law School offers her courses in Human Trafficking Law and Policy which include detailed information on the UN anti-trafficking program.
- The Law School's Intercultural Human Rights Law Review, in its fifth year now, is subscribed to by over 100 law libraries and available on all major online databases. The Law School also organizes the annual Susan J. Ferrell Intercultural Human Rights Moot Court Competition, with teams from all over the world competing.
- A number of undergraduate courses have been specifically assigned to address Diversity Issues in their curriculum (e.g. PHI 150D).

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LABOR STANDARDS:

- In 2007 the University increased the wages of all hourly paid employees to a regionally recognized “living wage” replacing federal minimum wage standards and guaranteeing further increases in keeping with cost of living increases.

ENVIRONMENT:

- In 1993 St. Thomas University was recognized as “The Green University”. In 2007 there began a new campus-wide environmental effort:
 - all chlorine and other hazardous materials on campus were replaced with biodegradable cleaners and solvents (2007)
 - all lighting on campus was replaced with low mercury fluorescent lighting (2008).
 - a special “Greening the Campus” campaign was introduced to focus on involving faculty and students in recycling on campus (2008).
 - additional improvements to the recycling effort campus-wide is with the introduction of large compactors to simplify the collection and storage of recycled materials (2009).
- The Center for Earth Jurisprudence opened in 2006 in the STU Law School in conjunction with the Barry University Law School in Orlando, Florida. Since 2007 and through 2009 the CEJ will have:
 - conducted nine (9) conferences or workshops on Earth Jurisprudence issues.
 - presented papers at two (2) major environmental conferences.
 - published a Barry Law Review issue on an “Earth Jurisprudence Symposium.
 - taught Earth Jurisprudence courses in both Barry and STU Law Schools.

ANTI-CORRUPTION:

- STU law students are engaged in research and analysis of anti-corruption practices and solutions.

Submitted by Prof. Art Kane

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