

Monday 10th July 2023

H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA) keenly supports the UN Global Compact and its ten principles. We believe the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set the urgent agenda for people and the planet and we would like to reaffirm our commitment to our partnership. We express our ongoing support to the Global Compact, and we value the organisation as a fundamental partner to accelerate and scale the global impact of business through company leadership and accountability, and ecosystems that enable change. Our failure to submit the 2022 Communication of Engagement was due to an administration error when the designated point of contact left our organisation. It does not reflect a lack of alignment or willingness to support UNGC's mission and purpose and we apologise sincerely for our error. We support public accountability and transparency and therefore commit to reporting on progress biennially as requested.

We pledge to continue to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following ways:

- Propose and implement partnerships on corporate sustainability with other stakeholders
- Support UN Global Compact business participants as they implement and report on their sustainability efforts
- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks
- Join and/or support issue platforms and workstreams
- Participate in Global Compact Global and Local events

Since 2020, our organisations have demonstrated partnership and knowledge sharing across topics of Climate, Just Transition, Gender, Human Rights, and more. From providing feedback on metrics regarding UNGC's call to action on living wage, to collaborating on Climate Transition Planning and participating in the Target Gender Equality Programme, WBA has engaged with both Global and Local networks. We look forward to developing our relationship further as we both strive toward creating business accountability and leadership to achieve the SDGs.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director