



October 8, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that CropLife Canada 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 as a non-business participant advancing these principles and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the public.

CropLife Canada is the trade association representing the manufacturers, developers and distributors of plant science innovations, including pest control products and plant breeding innovations, for use in agriculture, urban and public health settings. We are committed to protecting human health and the environment and driving innovation through continuous research.

The plant science industry is committed to facilitating a sustainable future by contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Plant science delivers innovative solutions to the SDGs by addressing many of the challenges we face such as food security, conserving nature, climactic extremes, and the well-being of farmers. By taking a collaborative approach across the agriculture industry and embracing innovation and technology, we can produce more for a growing population, while conserving natural resources and fostering ecosystem functions for generations to come.

### **Engagement with the UN Global Compact**

We pledge to:

- Foster collaboration within our membership and stakeholder network to engage with the UN Global Compact
- Build awareness of the contributions of the plant science industry to the SDGs
- Leverage local network expertise to identify challenges SMEs face in operationalizing sustainability
- Support relevant issues platforms and work streams of the UN Global Compact
- Share resources from the Knowledge Hub and Academy to create awareness of the 10 principles and the SDGs

To achieve the SDGs' fostering collaboration is essential; by joining the UN Global Compact we will bring our expertise in plant science while building our network to learn from other sustainability professionals – enabling us to create partnerships and build capacity. We intend to engage with Canada's Global Compact local network through stakeholder engagement, networking opportunities and convenings, such as working groups and policy dialogues.



Through engagement with our local network, we will build awareness of the contributions of the plant science industry to achieving the SDGs, while ensuring our new and current initiatives are contributing to at least one SDG. Our participation will also ensure the plant science industry is not only recognized as a solution to achieving the SDGs, but as a tool in adapting to and mitigating climate change and building resilience in Canadian agriculture.

CropLife Canada is dedicated to supporting our members along their sustainability journey and the evolution of sustainability in the agriculture sector. Part of our sustainability strategy is to increase engagement and awareness across our membership, helping our members to further their sustainability ambitions. To support our small to medium enterprises (SMEs) members, we will leverage the local networks expertise in identifying challenges SMEs face in operationalizing sustainability into core business functions. Of our members who are business participants we will support them through their involvement in issue platforms and workstreams when relevant and amplifying their actions in contributing to the UN SDGs.

The resources from the Knowledge Hub and the Academy offer us an opportunity to leverage the resources for knowledge building and to engage with a diversity of partners through the Global Compact Network Canada. We intend use the Knowledge Hub to create awareness of the ten principles and support our members in their sustainability journey. By raising awareness and education of the ten principles and the SDGs through leveraging resources from the Knowledge Hub, our hope is our members are inspired to participate further with the UN Global Compact and achieving the SDGs.

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 report on progress within *two years* of joining the Global Compact and *every two years* thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pierre Petelle", is written over a white background.

Pierre Petelle  
President & CEO CropLife Canada