



STIA / VSB COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT

The Suriname Trade and Industry Association (STIA), in Dutch Vereniging Surinaams Bedrijfsleven (VSB), is the most representative organization of employers in Suriname. The Association was established on March 28th 1950 and its current membership includes companies and professionals, which are active in all sectors of the economy.

STIA / VSB is cognizant of the fact that the world will transit from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to a wide-ranging set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and believes that it will be critical for success to adhere globally to recognized principles, such as those enshrined in the UN Global Compact.

STIA / VSB is thus pleased to express its continued support for the UN Global Compact.

The Association will continue to promote this initiative and its principles under its Membership, but also seek to encourage other non-members, in particular companies and organizations, to align their business practices with the principles of the UN Global Compact.

In the last couple of years the Association has undertaken several initiatives to promote the UN Global Compact under its Membership, such as, but not limited to :

- Highlighting the UN Global Compact several times in its magazine, entitled "De Werkgever", including in its Anniversary edition in 2015;
- Highlighting information concerning the UN Global Compact in its weekly newsletter, entitled "De Nieuwslijn";
- Cooperating with relevant organizations, including international organizations, such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote the principles in Suriname, but also the Caribbean region;
- Advocating for Decent Work in Suriname;
- Participating in the development of the 1st Decent Work Country Programme of Suriname, which was signed on January 5th 2015;
- Adopting Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as one of its core values;
- Promoting CSR under its membership;
- Organizing the 1st CSR Award Gala to reward members with an excellent track record of CSR initiatives; and
- Publishing a manifesto, entitled "De weg naar duurzame ontwikkeling", which will be used actively in the period 2010 – 2015 to promote sustainable development

Yours sincerely,
Suriname Trade & Industry association

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