

October 30, 2015

His Excellency, Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Re: Communication on Engagement

The Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) and the UN Global Compact have had a formal partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding since 2007. Through this collaboration, the NESG hosted the secretariat for the Global Compact Local Network of Nigeria since 2007 till date. In serving as the Secretariat, NESG has been advocating and implementing the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact in respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption both as an individual organization and as part of the Local Network in Nigeria.

Permit me to restate NESG's commitment to the work and efforts of the UN Global Compact through our research and advocacy efforts that permeates through engagements with the public and private sector as well as includes academia and civil society.

NESG through the Local Network and the UN Global Compact work together regularly being mindful of the fact that the two organizations share similar values and objectives aimed at promoting sustainability and positive impact. The Group therefore remains committed to the UN Global Compact and looks forward to continuing and enhancing our collaboration.

Warm regards,



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Participation with the UN Global Compact

With NESG acting as the LN host and Secretariat, kindly see some activities that NESG facilitated with the Local Network and UNGC in 2013 and 2014

Training on Communication of Progress

With NESG driving, the Network held two different training sessions on Communication of Progress for its members on March 22, 2013.

Outreaches & Meetings

As part of mobilizing and creating awareness on the Local Network and the project, outreach programs called Anticorruption Road shows were used to market the Network and invite new membership. In 2013 and 2014 Road Show visitations were made to some companies such as MTN Nigeria, First Bank, Oando Plc, CAP Plc and Siemens Nigeria, etc and lavishly reported in the media. It was also used to present the activities of the Network especially in the Collective Action initiative and collect detailed information on good practices of companies and organizations that were later published by the Network.

NESG represented the Local Network in the Annual Local Network meetings and the Africa Regional Meetings in 2013 and 2014.

NESG also represented the Network at the 10th Working Group Meetings in 2013 (India) and 2014 (Geneva) respectively.

A media workshop on corruption was held on March 14, 2013. It was a forum in which Nigerian media reappraised institutional attitude to corruption in both public and private sectors. See link for materials - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/513xi0md8ett7bc/Report%20of%20Media%20Workshop%20on%20Corruption.%20March%202013.docx?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/t2i13ec7lm764at/media%20workshop%20on%20corruption%20.UNG%20ANTI-CORRUPTION%20MEDIA%20WORKSHOP%2014.03.2013%20PRINT%20COPY.pdf?dl=0>

A Workshop on **Ethics and Compliance Practices** held on March 21, 2013 at Eko Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos for Ethics and Compliance Officers. The workshop contributed to enhancing the skills of Ethics and Compliance (E & C) Officers in the fight against corruption as these officers play crucial roles in their companies to

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ensure that business entities mainstream anti-corruption policies and practices. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Compliance Officers Association of America (ECOAA) trained the participants. See link for materials - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/2231nw5dxlh2gi2/BREAKFAST%20DIALOGUE%20WITH%20UNITED%20NATIONS%20GLOBAL%20COMPACT%20ON%20ETHICS%20AND%20COMPLIANCE%20.%20march%202013.doc?dl=0>

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ojcdoonjwakg6e8/ETHICS%20AND%20COMPLIANCE%20PRACTICE_ReducedSize.%20March%202013.pdf?dl=0

A sector-focused activity; the Extractive Industry Dialogue on Corruption was held on June 27, 2013 at the Novotel Hotels, Port Harcourt. The theme was **Corporate Action for Transparency in the Hydrocarbon Industry in Nigeria**. Resource persons were drawn from – Oil Producers Trading Section (OPTS), Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative, Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Shell, UK **Deputy High Commissioner** and the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR). The Global Compact was represented by Ms Olajobi Makinwa, Head, Transparency & Anti-Corruption; GCO New York was also in attendance. The objective of the workshop was to engage the operators in the sector and explore anti-corruption practices including their role in the fight against corrupt practices.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zgnyvuxhmv721rcj/Corporate%20Action%20for%20Transparency%20in%20the%20Hydrocarbon%20Industry%20in%20Nigeria.%20NESG%20HYDROCARBON%20PD%204.%20June%202013.pdf?dl=0>

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A national workshop on the Supply Chain was held on the Protea Hotels, Ikeja, Lagos on March 26, 2014. The theme of the event was **'Supply Chain Transparency and Business Sustainability**. The resource persons included top supply chain management executives of businesses such as Guinness Nigeria, MTN Nigeria, Shell, Africa Capital Alliance. Others were DFID/GEMS4, Centre for Public Policy Alternatives and Siemens Nigeria. It was a forum to train business participants especially SMEs on developing transparent Supply Chain Road Map and to share experiences of multinational firms on their Supply Chain Transparency Programme. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ts1i8mpshufaeg4/Supply%20Chain%20Transparency%20and%20Business%20Sustainability.%20March%202014.pdf?dl=0>

Good Practice Examples: This project commissioned an independent organization to collate existing information from companies on what constitutes best practices. This was completed, published and circulated. https://www.dropbox.com/s/ib7e0md2debtckm/Good%20Practice%20Examples.%20REPORT%20ON%20ANTI-CORRUPTION%20AND%20GOOD%20GOVERNANCE_ReducedSize.pdf?dl=0

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10th Anniversary of the Global Compact 10th Principle Against Corruption

More than 200 participants from business, finance, civil society, Government & the UN gathered together in December 2014 to mark the 10th Anniversary of the UN Global Compact 10th Principle against corruption: "Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery."

Participants commemorated the private sector's efforts in the fight against corruption over the past decade, and began to plot a path for the future. Siemens's integrity initiative project which was implemented and managed by NESG was one of the Collective Action projects at the Anti-Corruption Information Fair that took place during the programme. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ungc/16003860636/in/set-72157647452705403>

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Activities in 2015

UNGC-NESG Africa Sustainable CEO Business Roundtable Forum held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Lagos on January 19, 2015. Jointly hosted by the UN Global Compact, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, Global Compact Local Network Nigeria and supported by the Siemens initiative, the Africa Sustainable CEO Business Roundtable brought together Africa's chief executives, leaders in business, Government and civil society to discuss how collective action efforts will proceed in driving the new development agenda for Africa. The summit highlighted ways in which business can collectively contribute to post-2015 development in key areas, such as good governance, youth employment and empowerment, infrastructure development, and peace and security. During the three-hour high-level luncheon event, Africa's corporate leaders came together to discuss the importance of good leadership and collective action in promoting the continent's development agenda. The event showcased lessons from business leaders on how collective action has been supportive of inclusive and sustainable growth as well as highlighted the way forward for the African business community working in partnership with UN, civil society, and governments to set Africa's development path for the future. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/48yw9ajml22690j/Africa%20Sustainable%20CEO%20Business%20Roundtable%20Forum.Report%20January%202015.docx?dl=0>

https://www.dropbox.com/s/1ab483t1xhubftu/Africa_CEO_Forum_Agenda_13012015.pdf?dl=0

https://www.dropbox.com/s/dpio2yevho8qisb/Africa_CEO_Forum_Report.pdf?dl=0

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/28otc1vh7wwcylr/UNGC%20Businessday%20Report.pdf?dl=0>

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Appreciation Course on Corruption Risk Assessment For Government Institutions – 4 -5 March, 2015 Abuja, Nigeria. The training was designed for senior public sector officials, especially those in charge of ethics, compliance, legal, internal audit and risk management as well as for officers in charge of procurement, accounting/finance and human resources. The overarching objective was to equip participants with requisite skills to continuously identify corruption risks for effective mitigation. The specific objectives of the training were to enable participants: receive tools for Corruption Risk Assessment; learn skills and resources for sustainable risk management as well as enhance organizational capacity to improve on the quality of existing training. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u0y0n6we8x8wspw/AAC28oi0ztDt-ionvOaDDX1Xa?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ocs2zt92ii9bgon/Highligts%20of%20ARA%20training%20session.doc?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/m5j67xilougi9vj/Final%20Agenda%20ARA%20Training%20Abuja.pdf?dl=0>

Navigating the UN Global Compact: Induction Session for New Joiners

The induction session held on the 23rd of January at the NESG Secretariat and served to achieve the following objectives: (a) Ensure participants have a better understanding of the UN Global Compact and their Local Network; (b) Ensure participants are aware of the key discussions ongoing regarding the global development agenda and what role they as the private sector can play; (c) Allow for participants to provide input into what direction they want to see from the Global Compact Network Nigeria and how better the UN Global Compact can aid them in conducting responsible and inclusive business (d) Increase understanding of the UN Global Compact's reporting requirements for businesses and non-business organizations. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/fp5jxfthgul85i/UNGC%20Induction%20Punch%20Report.pdf?dl=0>

The Chief Executive Officer of the NESG, Mr. Jaiyeola represented the Local Network at the XIII ALNF in New York in June.

Former UN Global Compact Executive Director Georg Kell spoke at the 21st Nigerian Economic Summit of the NESG which took place from October 13 to 15 in Abuja. More than 1000 people attended the 21st Nigerian Economic Summit and had the highest participation of private sector and public sector participants. Mr. Kell was very instrumental to the plenary titled “**Business and Sustainability in the Age of SDGs**”.

This plenary sought to create an understanding among stakeholders that the SDGs are an off shoot of MDGs which are expected to reinforce Nigeria's national

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aspirations; create an understanding that while governments have primary responsibility for creating the enabling environment for sustainable development, businesses also have an important complementary role to play; make a business case for sustainability; and mobilize businesses to take a strong stance to tackle corruption, operate responsibly and take action to help strengthen the rule of law by embracing corporate sustainability.

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