

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
760 United Nations Plaza  
New York NY 10017 USA

Dear Secretary-General,

The municipality of Leeuwarden is committed to the UN Global Compact Principles with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. It is our intent to continue to participate in the activities of the UNGC and to advance its principles to ongoing communication with our community.


We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communicating of Engagement (COE) that comprises of a statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions with regard to the principles of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

At this point, The Municipality of Leeuwarden has committed itself to the level of Innovating City with the Smart Specialization on Water Technology and its Innovative Ecosystem associated with WaterCampus Leeuwarden as stepping stone for a designated project. A lot of our efforts are invested in creating, realizing and managing this designated project.

Furthermore, the municipality of Leeuwarden has participated in the City Scan Investigation in 2015 initiated by the Global Compact Cities Programme. As a part of the strategy of the municipality of Leeuwarden to attract talented human capital and connect to education institutes, a talented student of the NHL University of Applied Sciences analyzed the position of Leeuwarden committed to the UN Global Compact Principles. The municipality of Leeuwarden is thankful for the analyses of the City Scan and has taken notice of the information and recommendations.

We are planning to continue the analyses in this way because it also helps to strengthen the involvement of local stakeholders like students in city planning and topics which are related to the ten principles of the UN.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. F.J.M. Crone  
City Mayor

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