

# **BWT Communication on Engagement (COE) United Nations Global Compact (January 2015- January 2016)**

**Our COE contains a Letter of Commitment, brief background on our activities and then focuses on the period January 2015 to January 2016.**

**BWT strikes out Strategic Alliances with Stakeholders with a Vision to Accomplishing MDGs by tapping people's energy, Innovation and creativity. It also makes use of the potential of youth for the development of an open access society. BWT Joined hands with stakeholders to prevent youth from giving into violence and terrorism by providing them better options through strengthening and empowering them. BWT is a caring and sharing Trust, based on equality and brotherhood; without any distinction of caste, creed, religion and nationality; for equitable, socially just, educated and egalitarian society. BWT works for the Integrated Development of the Community through the optimum utilization of the locally available human, natural & Institutional resources using the citizens, especially youth force so that the gulf between the haves and have-nots can be bridged without any distinction of caste, creed and religion.**

## **Letter of Commitment**

**January 23, 2016**

**H.E. Ban Ki-moon**

**United Nations Global Compact**

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**New York, NY 10017 United States**

**Batool Welfare Trust COMMUNICATION ON  
ENGAGEMENT (COE) FOR NON BUSINESS  
ORGANIZATION January 2015- January 2016**

Dear Secretary General,

We are writing to bear out the sustained support of BWT for the Principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

BWT is a nonprofit organization, vigorously involved in the implementation of the 10 principles and core values of the UNGC, in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, Environment and Anticorruption.

BWT is devoted to The United Nations' Global Compact agenda. The ten principles squeezed in UN Global Compact are unswervingly related and inseparably connected to the principles entrenched in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Since BWT is convinced that the growth of a culture of human rights is one of the most significant contributions that can be made to the development of an improved and more caring society that values human rights, our daily task and intention is to teach and generate wakefulness about the principles defined in the UN Global Compact.

We exercise human rights 365 days of the year through our work in Social Media and BWT's Educational programs. We are engaged with UNGC in

**their mission of mobilizing businesses towards corporate sustainability and above all respect for human rights which is BWT main mission.**

**On behalf of BWT, it is our great pleasure to express our continued support for the UN Global Compact and renew our commitment to the initiative and its principles.**

**Sincerely Yours**

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**Description of practical actions BWT took to support the UN Global Compact principles and to engage with the initiative:**

**BWT provided services to the deprived without any discrimination. It also provided vocational training to the handicapped to create an employment opportunities for them. The poor students from schools and colleges got financial assistance from BWT. It also organized awareness camps on health, environment, nutrition/food supplements, rural development, self help initiatives, poverty eradication, women empowerment, etc.**

**Since its association with the UN Global Compact the BWT has uninterruptedly been trying to advance its understanding of the objectives of the United Nations and has continuously been supporting its activities. The Federation maintains a full-time representative and an administrative assistant in many cities. In addition, it has been active on various NGO committees. It has been disseminating information about the United Nations and encouraging members' participation in UN activities and global advocacy. Individual members report on best practices and advise the NGOs on the needs in their areas of expertise and work, and to advocate, at least monthly for UN issues affecting those areas.**

**The BWT was represented at and participated with NGOs at the following:**

**The BWT is an active member of the NGOs' Committees for Social Development. It has also sponsored or co-sponsored side events throughout the last four years and chaired the task force that has been organizing the Civil Society Forums. The BWT is involved in extensive work for environmental betterment, poverty eradication, health and social services particularly in least developed areas, and has been funding anti-poverty as well as disaster relief projects.**

**The BWT is a member of the NGOs' committees on the Status of Women. The BWT conducts staffs and finances numerous projects for the advancement of women in health, education and development.**

**The BWT has participated in the NGOs' Committees on sustainable development. The Federation has also sponsored or co-sponsored side events and initiated staffed and financed projects for sustainable and environmental development.**

**The BWT has been supportive observers at different forum each year, working with other NGOs, and forwarding information to our members who work with indigenous populations.**

**The BWT has several members on the NGOs' financing committees and currently serves on the executive bodies of the committees. It has been attending high-level sessions on the financial crisis and participating in several advocacy actions. It also chairs the task force that organizes the Civil Society Forums.**

**Through newsletters, monthly action alerts, workshops and other mailings, the BWT has distributed materials regarding the United Nations, the Millennium Development Goals, Financing for Development, Human Rights and numerous meetings and issues at the UN.**

### **Related Activities:**

**+The BWT has worked to alleviate poverty through financial support, initiating projects and/or providing personnel in inner city areas in major cities. Activities include:**

**+Administrative oversight and financial support for water and sanitation projects in many cities, financial support and staffing for micro-financing programs for women.**

**+Providing financial help and food to the needy.**

**+Supporting widows/orphans AIDS victims, skills empowerment centers to expand and initiate business skills training.**

**+Participating in initiatives of Health and Education.**

**+Initiating a Social Work Training Program to allow the young to have professional skills and to be employed in the social action/work field as middle level workers.**

**+Providing transitional housing at several sites for those living in poverty.**

**+Opening a Peace Center to facilitate reconciliation, healing of memories, and learning peace-making alternatives.**

**+Initiating a computer-based literacy education program for women and children that networks with 14 craft cooperatives and works in conjunction with a technology firm for technical support.**

**+Providing help for literacy education.**

**+Providing support for educational programs.**

**+Sponsoring personnel.**

**+Providing donations for disaster relief.**

**The BWT encouraged businesses and other organizations it interacted with, to participate in the UN Global Compact and implement the 10 principles of UNGC through education on human rights by holding workshops.**

**Our mission was to create awareness and respect for the 1948 UN Human Rights proclamation “THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. We asked for it to be accepted as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, and endeavored by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance.**

**Participants got exposed to the 30 articles of the UDHR and had the chance, to express their interpretation(s) of the article(s) they chose to represent.**

### **Measurement of Outcome:**

**BWT completed 15 workshops from January 2014 - January 2015 and involved the partners in the community level with participation. The number of people that took part in this project was also appreciable with 3000 participants. In information dissemination BWT has shown extraordinary results.**

**At BWT we hope to keep the good work and keep being a great support for UNGC principles of Corporate and social responsibilities. We will continue to take Affirmative Action, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan. - Promoting Inclusive Growth, Addressing Hunger, Child and Maternal Mortality, Environmental Sustainability, Gender Bias and Community Health.**

**The BWT abides by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.**