

## GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PARLIAMENT'S UN GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION OF ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT

Statement by the President of The Global Environmental Parliament, Dr Pano Kroko Churchill.

The Global Environmental Parliament is pleased to once again express its strong and active support for the Charter of Human Rights of the United Nations, as well as for the Millennium Development Goals, and for the main Principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

Specifically the ten UN Global Compact Principles are also utilized and shared through education within the Environmental Parliament proceedings, policy initiatives, and campaigns advocating and delivering the well balanced, middle of the road Environmental Policy, as is advocated in front of most all the Democratic Parliaments across the planet. We also deliver these pre-masticated policies across most all democratic parliaments of this Earth – thus directly promoting the UN global compact principles widely across the institutional lines of many states.

Clearly within our own institutions we also share the UN global compact ten principles of human rights and understanding; as we do within our Environmental Court practices, and the Environmental University, and in our general scholastic curricula, in our Physics, Physical and Earth Sciences, Environmental, Education and Social Sciences courses as well. The Environmental University of Oxford, has always had an international impact through its many students from the UK, Europe, Asia, and Africa, as well as from America's North & South, and now is considered a global institution.

In recent years the international reach of the Environmental Parliament has expanded greatly through large numbers of African, Asian, Pacific islanders, & Chinese colleagues joining us in expanding our mission and vision of reach and delivery. With the goal to expand the international reach of the Environmental Parliament, the Environmental Parliament Senators in January of 2015 declared the Environmental Parliament -- the Global Environmental Parliament whose aim is to simply provide global environmental leadership in the global North and the global South, but above all else to the people of this Earth. Thus the Global Environmental Parliament, through its international policy and outreach, will continue to promote the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in all of our institutions.

The Global Environmental Parliament's associated institutions and affiliated organizations Communication of Engagement with the principles of the UN global compact:

The Global Environmental Parliament fully supports and inculcates the (10) ten Principles of the UN Global Compact in it's own organizations and institutions, but it also spreads those within the environmental policy proposals that are given over for localization and vote to many parliaments and countries across the world. Yet the Environmental Parliament looks to also include these principles in it's case studies for the Environmental Court, and also sets them within the scholastic programs of the Environmental University, and within the parameters of the Doctoral dissertation subjects, as well as through the participation of all of our faculty and administrators in the works of the Environmental Parliament as viewed through the lens of Human Rights and the ten principles.

The areas where the Environmental Parliament, the Court, and the University, have all been particularly active through their staff, elected representatives, workers, faculty, students, and through the wider community is in Climate Change impacted Human Rights (Principle 1 & 2) and in all things related to the Environment (Principles 7 – 9).

Here are a few specific examples of these activities:

1) Human Rights development is the main contribution of The Global Environmental Parliament to the development and implementation of human rights globally is its Graduate Program in Intercultural Human Rights in the Age of Climate Change.

Led by Professors who have an intensive training in Human Rights and Refugee issues on the ground through the work of the Environmental Parliament at the points of crisis and featuring global experts, it has graduated more than 500 LL.M. students from 97 countries since its inception in 2001. The program also

sponsors the Intercultural Human Rights Review, now in its 16th year and it has spawned a school of Climate and Environmental Law to support our sister organization the Environmental Court. The Environmental University Law school has the distinct advantage of organizing the Environmental Court cases as they are winding their way through the Court dockets.

The Environmental University Program in Climate Change Human Rights, is a participant at the International Court of Justice, at the World Council for Justice and Peace at the Vatican, and at many other global forums, like the US, the EU, and the United Nations.

Through this program students could also become fully accredited to the United Nations in New York representing permanent missions, IGO's and NGO's for an entire semester. This United Nations Internship operates full time and year-round. Thus the Environmental University School of Law is the only Oxford UK School of Law with a full time program at the United Nations in New York. Also students are eligible for placement directly with the ICMICA (Pax Romana) of the United Nations.

Since the early 2000s, the Environmental University Law School, also offers services an important service to all the climate refugee communities through its Human Rights Institute.

The Environment. Environment - community outreach -- International Conference on Climate, Nature and Society. Business leaders, innovators, leading experts, and academics gather each year in November in Oxford at The Global Environmental Parliament, and during this two-day conference, spearheaded by EU's Institute for Bioethics, tackle the science and social impact of climate change with talks from leading experts in the field, including the various EU environment Ministers, the UK environment minister, and the US climate change negotiator Mr Todd Stern. Other notable participants are people of faith, like the Anglican Prelate, Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams, the Catholic Cardinal Peter Turkson, who was Pope Francis' main draftsman for the Vatican's recent encyclical on the issues of the Environment and Climate Change, *Laudato Si'* as well as the Christian Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople who has been spearheading the renaissance of our stewardship of the Earth as a Christian Doctrine for many years, and who has led the missions to the Arctic and beyond. We have also included the Jewish Rabbis and the Moslem Muftis to our meetings in an effort at inclusion and sharing; and this has resulted in highly sought after Environmental Statements as have been offered by the Muslim Association, and by the American Jewish Progressive Rabbis, who all came out and spoke in similarly stark tones, as Pope Francis encyclical spoke in defense of the Planet, and our Environment, I an attempt to stop catastrophic Climate Change.

This great interfaith dialogue and discourse, as facilitated by the Environmental Parliament have served admirably as the best forum for the religious leaders to be motivated to bring our strong statements in favor of the Environment across the world. Many more open meetings like those interfaith dialogue gatherings for the Environment, are going on every day or every week in different countries across the globe as organized by local chapters of the Global Environmental Parliament.

Lastly, the Global Environmental Parliament's Center for Global Economics and Sustainable Energy, Business, & Finance at a time of Climate Change, is also a partner in our efforts in keeping with the UN Decade for Sustainable Development, and we have conducted a high level Summit and a Conference program on Growth Economics for Ecological Sustainability. This program has been attended by most all the various colleges and the individual universities of the Oxford and Cambridge system, as well as by most all of the UK and Ireland colleges and Universities who sent representatives in order to create a common canon of Environmental Economics Education curricula in their respective schools. Many more local conferences take place across the world on behalf of the Environmental Parliament and the Environmental University on issues of growth finance and sustainable business -- each and every month.

Also several global annual events and conferences are organized by the Environmental Parliament, the Environmental University, and the Environmental Court along the years.

The activities listed above are just a few examples of how The Global Environmental Parliament observes and promotes the goals of the United Nations Global Compact in our day to day operations.