



COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Period covered by your Communication on Engagement 2012-2016

Statement Of Continued Support

October 2016

To our stakeholders:

In light of IUCN's mission, which is to "...influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable", I am pleased to confirm that IUCN reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its mission of promoting corporate sustainability in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

IUCN's Annual Reports and the annual report of its Business and Biodiversity Programme provide an overview of IUCN's actions that are in direct support of the Global Compact and its principles and to engage with the initiative.

Sincerely yours,

Inger Andersen

Director General

International Union for Conservation of Nature

I. Description Of Actions

Links to IUCN Annual Reports describing IUCN actions that support the UNGC mission:

2012 IUCN Annual Report: Nature+ Towards Nature Based Solutions

<https://portals.iucn.org/library/efiles/documents/2013-017.pdf>

2013 Annual Report <https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/IUCN-2014-017.pdf>

2014 Annual Report <https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2015-020.pdf>

2015 Annual Report <https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2016-020.pdf>

Highlights 2015 Global Business and Biodiversity Programme

<https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2016-023.pdf>

In addition, IUCN has also contributed by:

MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IUCN Director General has been appointed member of the Global Compact Board on 1 June 2015, for a three years term. Since then, she contributed to the Global Compact by attending the following sessions (as of 6 October 2016):

- Global Compact+15, General Assembly session 23-24 June 2015
- United Nations Private Sector Forum 2015, 26 September 2015 (with speaking engagement)
- Board meeting, 13-14 January 2016 (with speaking intervention at High-level luncheon on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 14 January)
- Board meeting, 22-23 June 2016, New York
- UN Global Compact Strategy consultation with Accenture (call, 13 July 2016)
- UN Global Compact Board call, 7 October 2016

JOINTLY DEVELOPMENT OF “ The Framework for Corporate Action on BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES”

In 2012, the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) jointly developed the Framework for Corporate Action on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (BES). The framework aims to assist leadership at the corporate level in understanding the BES challenge, and to facilitate development and implementation of BES policies and practices, as part a broader corporate sustainability strategy that will contribute to achieving long-term profitability as well as the global sustainability goals. Launched at the Corporate Sustainability Forum during the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, the BES framework incorporates UN core environmental principles and related objectives. The report is available on the IUCN website <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/10174>

THE FUTURE

In the next four years, IUCN's work will focus on three specific areas:

Valuing and conserving nature enhances IUCN's heartland work on biodiversity conservation, emphasising both tangible and intangible values of nature.

Effective and equitable governance of nature's use consolidates IUCN's work on people-nature relations, rights and responsibilities, and the political economy of nature.

Deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges expands IUCN's work on nature's contribution to tackling problems of sustainable development, particularly in climate change, food security and social and economic development

II. Measurement of outcomes

In addition to measuring our outcomes according to IUCN's Monitoring & Evaluation framework, we will track our support to the UN Global Compact by measuring how many corporate members of the UNGC we engage in the reporting period.

In the period 2012-2016 we have engaged 15 corporations, members of the UNGC.