## **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)**



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Period covered by this Communication on Engagement: from October 2014 – to September 2016-10-19

## Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

20/10/2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to confirm that Young Researchers of Serbia reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We welcome feedback on its contents.

We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Tanja Petrovic

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Executive director of Young Researchers of Serbia

## **Part II. Description of Actions**

Young Researchers of Serbia (YRS) is nongovernmental organization working on environmental protection and voluntarism. Promotion of and actions on sustainable development are among main activities of organization.

In the reporting period (October 2014 – September 2016) YRS have been engaged with Global Compact Local Network in Serbia but, unfortunately, not with a full capacities.

YRS joined or co organized activities with Global Compact members in Serbia (e.g. with Coca Cola and WWF celebration of Danube Day, students educational camp on in Belgrade etc). Additionally, YRS proposed partnership projects on corporate sustainability in protected areas in Serbia and supported actions of GC Serbia members.

## Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

In last two years YRS have implemented more than 20 projects focusing on environmental protection (mostly nature and biodiversity, sustainable transport, voluntarism on local, national and international level).

One of the biggest achievements in reporting period is implementation of over 90 international voluntary workcaps in Serbia in collaboration with local authorities, associations, businesses. Thanks to the workcamps voluntarism is being broadly promoted among young people in Serbia and was very efficient tool for environmental awareness rising.

YRS is following EU integration process of Serbia related to the environment and has participated actively in transposing EU Directives related to Environmental Liability and Precaution of industrial pollution in Serbian legislation. This activity is fully in line with Global Compact Principles.

Additionally, cooperation with number of stakeholders and partnerships realized are advancing the UN Global Compact principles on human rights.

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