



Amman Chamber of Industry

Communication on Engagement

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I am pleased to confirm that the Amman Chamber of Industry (ACI) is concerned to support the ten principals of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, environment and anti-corruption.

This communication of Engagement describes the actions taken by the Amman Chamber of Industry to introduce the principals into its culture and responsibilities. The actions covered the period between 2014 and 2016.

The Amman Chamber of Industry commits to continue to support to the Global compact and proceeds to engage in this initiative.

Yours Sincerely,

Director General

Dr. Nael Al Husami

Amman chamber of Industry (ACI):

ACI is a leading Jordanian private sector organization dedicated to the development of Jordan's industrial sector through diversified range of services and activities, some of which are unique in the Arab world.

The Chamber serves as a forum for the views of the industrial sector and maintains close cooperation with all, the government and national institutions, responsible for economic planning and development.

ACI was established in 1962, as a non-profit organization representing the industrial sector and a main reference organization for information on industry and the economy. The Chamber has about 8000 members from the Manufacturing, Mining, Energy and Information Technology Industries, varying in size from the large to the medium and small enterprises.

The functions and duties of the Chamber are wide-ranging and divers. The Chamber's main concern is the continued growth, well-being and development of the Jordanian economy in general, and the advancement of the industrial sector in particular. It has consistently showed initiatives and dynamism, making many significant contributions to the national dialogues. This has earned the Chamber the respect of all other economic institutions and parties in Jordan, and a position of leadership in the private sector.

The Chamber's Board of Directors is composed of nine members democratically elected for a four year term by the Chamber's active members. The Chairman and the Board are responsible for general policy formulation and for planning Programs and plans of action for implementation. To enable the Board of Directors to perform their task effectively, several specialized committees administered by the Board Members to handle the issues of laws and legislations, national and international affairs, and other aspects related to ACI 's policy and management.

ACI Vision

To have a leading role in serving its members and to be a main driver for developing the national industry and enhancing its competitiveness

ACI Mission

To represent and advocate the interests of the industrialists, also to offer them unique services and programs in order to fulfil their needs and expectations and enhance the competitiveness of the Jordanian industrial products towards strengthening the national economy

Actions by ACI:

Human Rights

- ACI adopt a good and fare working conditions for its employees, as well as promote these conditions to the members.
- A good healthy environment, nonsmoking areas and a good salaries, good health insurance for employees and their families are examples of such conditions.
- ACI working always under the umbrella of the labor law of Jordan that reserves the labor and employers duties and rights.
- ACI believed in the occupational health and safety conditions for its employees and the members' employees. In this regard; ACI has initiated a project of printing posters, stickers and brochures that highlighted the good practices of occupational health and safety requirements at factories, the project is executed in two years and these posters and stickers were distributed to many factories around the country.
- Awareness seminars and training sessions were held illuminating Occupational health and safety issues.
- Promotion of foreign investments to Jordan, in order to develop the Jordanian economy, provide new Job opportunities and lower the unemployment level.

Environment and Energy

- ACI organized many awareness workshops and training sessions that covered environmental management systems ISO 14001, cleaner production, sustainable development and energy Efficiency in the industry.
- Grants programs are initiated and organized by ACI, including grants that helped the companies to be certified to the environment management certificates ISO 14001.
- Partnership with international programs such as United Nations for
- ACI is a partner with the Royal Scientific of Society in implementation of a project named "SWITCHMED Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technology (TEST II)", funded by EU and supported by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). This project aims to increase demand and supply of sustainable production services to the industry, TEST as an integrated approach and a global program which is a combination of resource efficiency and cleaner production (RECP), environmental management system (EMS) and material flow cost accounting to achieve sustainable production.
- ACI is a part of the national steering committee that supervises a project named; "Applying Eco-Innovative Strategies for Chemical Risk Reduction in Jordanian Industry that is co-organized by UNEP and Cleaner Production Unit at Royal Scientific Society, this project aims to reduce the chemical risk of chemicals and their negative effect on environment.

- Furthermore, ACI organizes program named “Mobile Energy Clinic”, which provides full energy audit services to the factories in order to guide them on energy saving opportunities, also ACI provides grants for the factories to support the audit cost.

-ACI organized a program that provided grants to the factories to procure energy saving equipment, solar heating systems and photovoltaic system.

---ACI issued a directory on energy and water saving in the industrial sector, which was distributed to many factories.

Promoting Good Governance

Amman chamber of Industry cooperates and engages with the government in order to promote sustainable development of the economy and the community. In fact ACI is a member of The Chambers of Industry – Ministry of Environment Partnership Council, which is full participation in the green economy theme that the Ministry of Environment had adopted recently.

Engaged in the legal framework, advocates for the transparency, accountability, meets regularly with local authorities to relay members problems and expectations, provide opinions on laws and regulations that are being prepared.

ACI has a training institute named “Euro Jordanian Advanced Business Institute / EJABI” that organizes training programs and courses to Jordanian companies to develop the knowledge and skills of managers and employees on best practices of governance and management.

Social Responsibility

ACI supports the society by direct financial aids toward the charity associations, schools, hospitals and NGOs in Amman and different governorates of Jordan.

Moreover; ACI initiated a campaign to support the “Made in Jordan Theme”, where through this campaign many channels of charity and support to the society were targeted.

Anti-corruption

ACI through press releases and joining several national committees, always advocates to fight corruption practices and all conditions that might lead to corruption, which is important to preserve a fair and transparent business system in Jordan and reducing the cost of doing business in Jordan.