



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

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The International Chamber of Commerce, the World Business Organization

### **Period covered by this Communication on Engagement**

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The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the UN Global Compact announced a partnership in 2016 to improve awareness, opportunities and participation of the private sector in support of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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

4 January 2017

*To our stakeholders:*

*I am pleased to confirm that the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) 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. We welcome feedback on its contents.*

*ICC has actively supported the Global Compact since its inception and we look forward to ever closer cooperation in the context of the UN's 2030 agenda. In this Communication of Engagement, ICC describes the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.*

*Sincerely yours,*



*John Danilovich*

*Secretary General*

*International Chamber of Commerce*

## Part II. Description of Actions

### Co-operation:

- The UN Global Compact and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) pursue common and complementary objectives. Close cooperation between the two parties has provided improved mutual awareness and increased opportunities for participation in their respective global activities for the benefit of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Joint cooperation on the following initiatives has been expanded during the course of the period November 2014 to November 2016 by mutual agreement of the two parties: Business for Peace; Business for Rule of Law; Business and Human Rights; The UN and Global Commerce publication; The Partnership for Industry Associations and Sustainable Development; Inter-governmental Interface relating to the 2030 Development Agenda at the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the High Level Political Forum; and country-level collaboration between ICC National Committees and Global Compact Local Networks.
- Both the UN Global Compact and ICC designated staff to support the partnership.

### Activities:

- ***Business for the Rule of Law:*** ICC collaborated with the Global Compact in the Business for the Rule of Law initiative having participated in its Steering Group. During 2016, it was anticipated that there would be several country launches of the Business for the Rule of Law Framework. ICC and its local affiliates were invited to have involvement in their preparation and to participate in them around the world together with Global Compact Local Networks and other partners. The UN Global Compact also invited ICC to share examples of action in support of the rule of law taken by ICC or its affiliates.
- ***Business for Peace:*** ICC and the UN Global Compact collaborate with the aim of expanding and deepening private sector action in support of peace. ICC was invited to contribute to B4P projects and the National Committees were encouraged to support B4P Local Networks at the country-level. ICC will continue to provide support to the annual Business for Peace Awards. Furthermore, as a member of the Business for Peace Steering Committee, ICC:
  - supports companies in paying heightened attention to implementing the 10 Global Compact Principles in Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas;
  - catalyzes business actions for peace, with an emphasis on multi-stakeholder collaboration;
  - advances better understanding of the role of the private sector in peace by encouraging transparency and best practices.

- ***UN and Global Commerce:*** ICC and the UN Global Compact also collaborated on a publication called the UN and Global Commerce, which includes content organized thematically by business relevant theme on how the UN contributes to global commerce with standards, data, other research and a range of engagement opportunities. The publication is currently being drafted with content provided from UN agencies across the UN System and will likely be an electronic document accessible from [business.un.org](http://business.un.org). ICC's input is sought on the content for the publication.
- ***The Partnership for Industry Associations and Sustainable Development:*** The UN Global Compact and ICC agreed to join forces to engage with international industry associations on sustainable development topics through a series of shared activities and responsibilities, including promoting the UN Global Compact's ten principles. These joint activities offer a range of services, including up to two meetings a year, to help industry associations strengthen their engagement on global priorities related to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. ICC and the UN Global Compact work together to expand the membership of participating industry associations and develop an equitable cost recovery policy.

## Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

- The High Level Political Forum (HLPF), established in 2012 at the Third UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), is the UN Inter-Governmental body mandated to monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and be the main policy platform on Sustainable Development issues for the entire UN System. The HLPF reports to the UN General Assembly and to ECOSOC but will operate under its own rules of procedure drawing from both entities. The UN Global Compact and ICC work jointly to provide robust business engagement to the HLPF. This might include:
  - Consultation with OPGA and DESA regarding programme planning;
  - Collaboration on briefings to UN Member States
  - Cooperation on organization of business delegations for all meetings.
- ICC and the UN Global Compact conduct regular consultations with each other, in order to coordinate follow-up, monitoring, as well as advancement of projects under development.
- ICC and the UN Global Compact concluded a memorandum of understanding in regards to joint activities to support the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, whereby the parties recognized that they pursue common and complementary objectives, and that close cooperation between the organizations will provide improved awareness, opportunities and participation in their respective activities.