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To our stakeholders

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**Subject: Communication on Engagement**

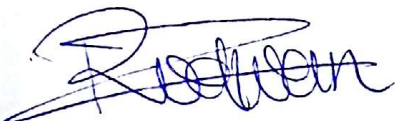
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## Part 1 – statement of support from our national president 2017 Ruud Tuithof

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

As JCI the Netherlands we strive to make the world a better place day after day. Creating impact on several local and international topics is the shared drive of our 2500 members.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents. 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 also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.



*\* Signed on behalf of Ruud Tuithof by our incoming national president 2018 Renée van der Zwan.*

## Part 2 – our actions

JCI the Netherlands has got 2500 members spread around 100 local chapters all around the Netherlands. These members create positive impact with every project they do. Below we listed some of the highlights of 2016 and where possible we connected them to the Global Compact principles:

- JCI was a partner of the anti-corruption week organized by the ICC in the Netherlands to raise awareness about this topic (Principle 10 Anti-corruption).
- With our 1000 changes program we have helped more than 100 young people looking for a job finding one and this will make an impact for life. Some of the attendees which we helped where discriminated on the Dutch labour market. Via our coaching program and network, they have find work (principle 6, the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment) by introducing them at employers who were asking for new employees.
- Many of our local chapters organized events, trainings and coaching sessions for refugees and status holders in the Netherlands. This is directly connected with the pillar Human Rights.
- We actively communicate about the SDG's and encourage members to link their project to these goals. With the implementation of the SDG's we encourage the realization of the SDG's in 2030 together with many others.

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- In November 2017 we will organize the JCI World Congress. This congress is organized around four SDG's and has an import goal to realize sustainable positive impact. This congress will be visited by 5000 young active citizens from around the globe. Not only during the event, but also in the months and years of preparation we actively encourage 2500 members, non-members, more than 100 partners and organizations to contribute for positive change. Many organizations use the world congress as a platform to enlarge their networks and to contribute at a more sustainable world. For example, we are working close together with the plastic soup foundation. Which wants to clean the world from plastic (principle 8 and 9, environment).
- We can't do our work alone. As no one can. That's why we're partnering with several organizations to organize the JCI World Congress. We're working together to achieve our goals and we're grateful for that cooperation. For an overview of our partners, see: <http://www.jci.nl/partners.html>
- We participated in the SDG summit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, connected NGO's to JCI members and entrepreneurs (also in different countries) and will keep participating in the SDG cafe of the ministry of Foreign Affairs to stay in touch with NGO's, governments and others to look into further cooperation.
- In 2016 members of JCI the Netherlands participated in the Global Partnership Summit between JCI and the UN and signed a declaration stated their personal involvement in raising awareness about the SDG's, helping to set up projects in their communities and look into what they can personally, their business and their environment can contribute further, part of this experience is also used for setting up the program of the JCI World Conference in 2017.
- In 2016 members of JCI the Netherlands contributed to the EU Know How Transfer between JCI members in Europe and the European Parliament, JCI members signed a declaration, debated, discussed exchanged best practices about refugees and the labour market (amongst others SDG 8, the focus of JCI Europe will be the SDG's 4,8 and 16, as set in 2016), while shadowing a Member of Parliament (MEP) for three days the members raised awareness of the issues in their business and communities - including the SDG's;
- In 2017 members of JCI the Netherlands will contribute to the Global Partnership Summit at the UN and the EU Know How Transfer again and raise issues about their communities and bring new information, ideas and inspiration home to be used to inspire our members and beyond.
- In 2017 the JCI #peaceispossible awareness campaign will continue and one of the members of JCI the Netherlands is part of the worldwide team that coordinates the campaign (SDG 16).

### Part 3 - measurements of outcomes

In Part 2 we described the outcomes and results of our actions in 2016. It's a qualitatively description except the numbers we gave regarding participation of our members in activities and events. We formulate our actions as smart as possible and we want to continue that in the coming years.

In 2017 we hope we can measure some of the impact of the JCI World Congress in Amsterdam.

We'll share this communication on engagement (COE) on our website [www.jci.nl](http://www.jci.nl)

Kind regards,



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